

Meet Them Half Way

Powerful Japanese Squadron to go to Attack Admiral Rojestvensky.

Important Announcement Respecting Mobilization of Russian Forces.

All Tokio Rejoicing at News of Success at the Kiekwan Forts.

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Hongkong says he has learned on reliable authority that a powerful Japanese squadron of battleships and armored cruisers is proceeding south, accompanied by 15 destroyers and transports, to attack the Russian second Pacific squadron.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Mobilization of the reserves has been announced in seven military districts. This is the first and most significant mobilization of the war and will add about 200,000 men to the army in the East. It is thought the whole force can be placed in the field by spring, when the problem of increasing the winter quarters and the transportation of the troops will create less strain upon the trans-Siberian railway. It will bring General Kuropatkin's effective force, roughly estimated, to 880,000.

London, Dec. 21.—All Japan today ringing with praise of General Samojed as the hero of the Kiekwan mountain fort. It is conceded that his heroism inspired his men and turned a threatened disaster into a splendid victory.

General Samojed is an old Samurai veteran of the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, Dec. 19.—The capture of the fort was a brilliant spectacle. For weeks the Japanese had been tunneling two shafts to the fort, one from the north and one from the south. They laid seven mines, which were exploded on the 18th.

The two attacking parties were composed of volunteers, and those captured in the mine were promptly executed. The second body of assaulters, it is thought, were waiting in the trenches in front of the wall and killing the remainder of the garrison in the rear of use in the fort.

London, Dec. 20.—Deserters from the Japanese army are reported daily. They report that there is much suffering from hunger, but more from cold, among the Japanese troops.

Many Chinese bandits in the service of the Japanese are going to Mongolia, which indicates that they are being paid.

The Japanese are changing the formation of their brigades into divisions, which makes it more difficult to utilize information brought to the Russian headquarters by prisoners and deserters, but the strength of the Japanese remains about the same.

STRIKE IS OFF.

End of Lockout of Granite Cutters at Montpelier Vermont.

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 21.—As a result of the ending of the lockout declared by the Barry Granite Manufacturers' Association against the granite cutters in this city and its vicinity, the strikers resumed work today at the quarry, and the men at Montpelier will return to work tomorrow. The lockout, which was in effect for two weeks ago, caused the lockout, also went back.

The officials of the National Granite Cutters' Union refused to uphold the Northfield cutters, and as a result of this the latter declared the strike off.

A BAD ACCIDENT AT MINNEAPOLIS

Walls Standing After Fire Topples Over With Fatal Results to Meny.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20.—The side wall of the O. H. Peck building on Fifth street tonight, which was left standing by the great fire of last Tuesday night, toppled over in a high gale early today onto the Crocker hotel, a three-story structure adjoining.

The tops of brick and mortar crushed completely down through the floors, and all into a mass of debris in the basement. There was no warning of the disaster, and the 14 persons who were sleeping in the various apartments were caught in the crushed structure. Eight of them were killed.

The killed follow: Ham Mason and James Hamilton, employed at Renner's grocery; C. M. Kavanagh, foreman, Daniel's dressed oil mills; Mrs. Jennie Murray; Wm. Emerson, laborer; William Gray, contractor; Joseph V. J. Condon; W. Lillyblade, employed in Daniel's dressed oil.

The injured are: Mrs. Carthy Boyce, cut about the face and body bruised; Mrs. M. J. Condon, cut about the face and body bruised; Mrs. E. J. Williams, face cut and badly bruised; Mrs. Anna McNeilly, face cut and badly bruised.

Some of those injured were in the basement, and were taken to the Crocker, and were hurt by the debris that was forced through the walls separating the two buildings.

Responsibility for the accident will be the subject of an investigation by the coroner. J. C. Houghton, city building inspector, had made an inspection of the standing walls yesterday, and had given no orders concerning them. He had earlier ordered the demolition of the other parts of the wall, but was unlikely to fall. The total loss is \$100,000.

VERSTCHAGIN'S PICTURES.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Emperor Nicholas has purchased the entire private collection of Verstschagin's pictures, which it was announced, had been offered for sale at auction for \$50,000.

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Newbury, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Grace Cochrane, 72, was burned to death in her home tonight by the explosion of a lamp which set fire to a lamp on which she was lying.

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Local News

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Another Sewmill.—From an advertisement appearing in the Colonist, it appears that the likely date before long Victoria will have another sewmill.

Citizens Attention!—Citizens are reminded that the Christmas mail will be a heavy one and anyone desiring to send Christmas letters or cards to their friends in the city should send them through the post not later than Thursday, so as to ensure their delivery for Christmas.

Further Publicity.—The Tourist Association were advised yesterday by the editor of the "Sunset" Magazine that the beautiful illustrated article descriptive of Victoria and its surroundings, which had lately appeared in that magazine, had been reprinted in the "Telegraph," of Colorado Springs, Colo., one of the greatest tourist resorts on the continent.

Quiet Wedding.—Rev. J. P. Westman performed the ceremony which united in matrimony Miss Helen A. Victoria, and Miss Marguerite Bierman, formerly of Nanaimo but now of this city, at the Centennial Methodist church last night. Only the intimate friends of the young people were present.

Accidental Poisoning.—A despatch from Chehalis, B. C., dated Sunday, stated that Violet Harper, aged ten months, accidentally poisoned herself with Cloveleafs yesterday by eating a dozen tablets of Ferronox. She died an hour later during violent convulsions. The resident physician, Dr. Kendall, suspects strychnine.

Generous Donations.—W. Fernie, of Oak Bay, yesterday handed to Secretary Elworthy, of the Provincial Royal Infirmary hospital, donations to the hospital and several of the charitable institutions of the city. Of the \$10 handed in \$10 went to the infirmary hospital, \$10 to the Protestant Orphan's Home, \$10 to the Old Men's Home and \$10 to the Old Women's Home.

Legal Business.—Mr. Justice Irving took a number of applications in Chambers yesterday. Mr. Bradburn, for the city, applied for and received directions as to service of notice on taxpayers in arrears under the provisions of the Tax Sale Bylaw. In Turner et al. vs. Clanton, an application by the plaintiffs for a declaration that they are entitled as co-owners to certain land, was stood over until Wednesday. In the suit of the Horsely Mining Company and Ward et al. for security for costs amounting to \$300 was made in the case of Cheney vs. the City of Victoria. Mr. Hesterman was granted probate in the estate of Constance L. Davis, deceased.

Coal Business Improving.—It is reported from Ladysmith that the early part of the month had been very dull, but the application for a writ of habeas corpus in January, when the big contracts that the Southern Pacific railway had entered into for the purchase of coal during the strike here shall have ended, there will be a great increase in the amount exported from here. There were no less than eleven vessels lying at the wharves yesterday taking on coal. The Titanic is back for cargo for San Francisco, and before Christmas will have shipped 600 tons which will have been shipped this week.

Benedict H. B. Company.—The London Financial Times, in a recent issue, had the following: "Henry buying of Grand Trunk railway junior issues has lately taken place on the prospects of an early commencement of the extension of the Pacific extension. Undoubtedly this opens up a wide range of possibilities in the future, though we may remind enthusiasts that the new line will take a number of years to build. The construction of this new line is of more immediate interest to the Hudson's Bay Company. It will open up for settlement a section by section as the line is constructed, a vast new area in which this company has large land possessions, and will facilitate the sales of such land at good prices. The project was, of course, been appreciating for some time.

For the Holidays.—For the Christmas and New Year holidays, the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway are putting in effect excursion rates between all points, the tickets being on sale from Saturday, December 24th, until Sunday, January 1st, inclusive with final return on Tuesday, January 4th, 1905, at 5 o'clock p. m. This meeting will be in effect with the exception that on Christmas Day, Sunday 25th inst., all trains are cancelled.

Veteran Association.—The annual meeting of the Vancouver Island Veteran Association will be held in the Pioneer Hall, Broad street, on Tuesday, Tuesday, 10th of January, 1905, at 8 o'clock p. m. This meeting will be the most important of any held since the organization of the association. A full attendance of the veterans resident in the city, and country, is an absolute necessity as matters of importance affecting the future of the association will be brought up for discussion and decision. The election of officers for 1905 and the financial status of the association to be considered.

Portrait of a Dog.—In the Port street window of Mr. D. E. Campbell's drug store is a painting that should interest all sportsmen. It is a study in oils of Mr. Campbell's favorite Irish setter dog Flash, which departed this life about a year ago, deeply lamented not only by his master, but by all who had the pleasure of Flash's exceedingly genial acquaintance. Miss Helene Bergman has succeeded in producing from a photograph of the old sport a picture of which any dog-lover might well be proud. Flash is taken seated, and calmly surveying the world through his

Chinese Conspiracy Case.—In the Police court yesterday the preliminary hearing of the charge of conspiracy to secure the conviction of Wong On and his associates against Wong Book, Charley Fook, Sai Qui and Lo Yuen was heard. Warrants had been issued for the arrest of the Chinese since the trial of other Chinese for the same offence, and they surrendered themselves. The evidence heard yesterday was similar to that advanced at the previous trials, when the prisoners were committed for the trial of Judge Harrison. The Chinese who were before the police magistrates yesterday were remanded until this afternoon, when the preliminary hearing of their case will be continued.

Not Getting Ready.—Skidgate Tom is an Indian. He is Skidgate Tom. Not long before the steamer "Ves" left port on her last trip the native had placed himself in communication with one of the correspondence schools which educate all those who are willing to pay by mail. The Indian had read that those who took the course are awarded a diploma, and he had read that the diploma is a great honor. He had read that the diploma is a great honor. He had read that the diploma is a great honor.

From Wednesday's Daily.—The Chinese conspiracy case was resumed yesterday afternoon, when all the evidence submitted at the preliminary hearing was heard. The case was adjourned until this morning, when it is expected the accused will be committed for trial.

Christmas Excursions.—The local agent of the C. P. R. notifies that arrangements have been made for excursions to the coast during the Christmas holidays. A special rate of \$3 for the round trip will be charged, good leaving Victoria on December 25, 31 and January 1, the final date for return being January 4.

Will Visit Limer.—The Board of Trade has been invited by the local agent of the Great Northern railway to visit the steamer Limer when that vessel anchors off this port on Thursday. R. J. Harris, local agent of the company, yesterday addressed a letter to the Board of Trade formally inviting the members to join a party which will take on board the steamer Limer, on Thursday, to convey those invited to the limer.

Precious Berried Holly.—Local florists say that it is years since berried holly was so scarce in Victoria. The commodity has been exceedingly difficult to procure at any price. As to the reason for the failure of the crop this season, some are inclined to think that the open winter of 1903-04 had a good deal to do with it, as the holly needs, like the berries of Ontario, a good hard pinch of Jack Frost's fingers to come to perfection.

Legal Business.—Mr. Justice Irving heard several applications in Supreme court chambers yesterday. Mr. Elworthy vs. Bowker was taken by Mr. Elworthy on the ground that the defendant had exceeded his authority. His Lordship decided to view the ditch over to the Board of Trade, which was granted probate in the estate of Frank, deceased. A motion for an order to take accounts and for foreclosure in Bryden vs. Helmecken was refused.

Exhibition of Paintings.—Miss Eleanor P. Jackson has now on view in the "Recent Artists" at the Commercial Hotel and Broughton streets thirty-five water colors, mostly copies of pictures exhibited at the Royal Victoria and the Tate Gallery in London, by David Cox, Birket Foster, MacWhirter, Whittaker, Karl Hoffman, Mackintosh, Fred Walker and other noted painters. The exhibition opened yesterday morning and will close today at five o'clock. The pictures are well worth a visit. Although most of the works are copies there are some originals, and one particularly good in the difficult art of depiction and coloration. The views comprise studies in England, Scotland, Wales and the continent of Europe, and they are being sold at suitable prices.

Mr. Hamilton Missing.—Some alarm is felt in Vancouver at the continued absence of Mr. Hamilton, who was reported to have gone on board the steamer Cassiar to see a friend off for Victoria, December 14th. It was reported that he had gone on board the steamer Cassiar to see a friend off for Victoria, December 14th. It was reported that he had gone on board the steamer Cassiar to see a friend off for Victoria, December 14th.

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THE CANADIAN CALIFORNIA The Bowstring Galoisque

BY KENNETH HARRIS

A trip through the Spalhamcheen and son, who bought out what was known as the Okanagan valley...

an orchard about ten years old covering not more than eight and a half acres...

the cargoes collected by officials of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line could be...

The doctor couldn't get further than a sense of an alkali. But it was with that's all I know about it, Vanu...

THE WATERPORT, SUMMERLAND, SHOWING HOTEL AND COMPANY'S STORE.

AT TOWNSEND. The Arthur Sewall Carrying Lumber Co. is a branch of the American ship Arthur Sewall...

Don't be alarmed, he said, I am your doctor in my right mind. I was ill, but I remember now. You are my doctor, I presume. Well, I am going...

IN BALLAST. Tacoma, Dec. 19.—The German ship Bertha, Capt. Aelske, will tow out...

lands were cut up, and now by far the larger portion has been sold to permanent settlers...

THE OVERDUES. Those who played the overduo Norwegian bark Stead to arrive have been made glad by the receipt of advices...

WOOD ALCOHOL. Danger Which Lurks in the Use of the Long before the recent deaths caused by adulterated whiskey in the States...

CHURCH UNION. Toronto, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the Presbyterian union conference...

SUMMERLAND, B. C., SHOWING BENCHES UPON WHICH FRUIT IS GROWN.

THE MINNESOTA Is On The Way Big Liner Left San Francisco on Monday Evening for Victoria.

Germany's Wonderful Modern Capital Harod Begbie, London Daily Mail

THE BRIDGE ACCIDENT. Chasewater, W. Va., Dec. 20.—The victims of the suspension bridge accident...

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couldn't get further than a... But it was swift... know about it. I was... a suspicion of... after a pause, "but I... exactly. He had none... we heard of his death... in and took possession... nothing but some furn... clay and a sack of plaster... for the lot. We had... much of him myself. When... he was poor and a worker... nothing but, and no more... had to do. But he went... a secret. Oh, she was... think she cared for him in... cared for him enough to live... make life hell or para... according to the moon. A... red woman with blue eyes... white as milk. Gaston... first who was crazy over her... She kept a dozen of... after her while she was... That was where his hell... he hadn't the strength to... in rage as he might. And... finger, goaded him to the... and then had him... the best. Finally—he had... Prosperine—she went off... the door or so.

He barred his... know. He barred his... first time he heard of... I hardly knew him. I... that that again. "You... it's a miracle of art. In... it beats Prosperine hol... on the light once more, and... and clearly arose and followed... massive figure supported on... in the corner of the room... two men looked at it. Parker... distaste and Vanna... official approval of the... grand!" exclaimed Vann... she seemed to weigh. She... and the tumbled. "Hand. How did he get it... the mouth isn't finished... it. He runs into the base... that little rickety. Don't... you—Ah!"

He also... back toward as he... did towards them. The... was a crash and a cloud... that arose from where the... uttered on the floor. "It... Parker put his hand be... and screamed.

IN BALLAST.

Dec. 18.—The German ship... Aetneke, will tow the... bound for Australia in... securing a charter to Eu... Bertha and the Splendid... register and is owned in... is forced to leave the... to the extreme distress... present in the freight man... on the Sound Septem... in a... the... am consigned to Balfour... company, a portion of which... at St. Louis. The... The French bark La Tour... also sail tomorrow... Sydney. The... prefer to incur the ex... trip in ballast to the... of security in the... November 17th with about... general cargo from Leit... obtained from the... American schooner James... Capt. Swanson, will go to... with a cargo of stum... of lumber loaded from the... mill for Redondo.

MURCH UNION.

Dec. 20.—At a meeting of... union church commit... Dr. Milligan, mod... general assembly, the... opinion that organic union... brought about.

RIDGE ACCIDENT.

W. Va., Dec. 20.—Th... in the highest over a... suspension bridge acci... ought in a recent storm... was in an unsafe con... there was gross negli... part of all of the othe... town Repair Company... down on the bridge we... were unable to fix the... satisfactorily.

By Wm. M. Brewer, M. S.

The United States government and... the several mineral claims... great appreciation of the advantages... offered in displays at the various ex... in which have been elected... annually at some one or other of the... cities since the New Orleans ex... was held during the winter of 1889... In fact, when one follows the history... of each one of these several ex... it is found that the attention given... to the mining section has been in... to such an extent, that while at first... a general exhibit of ores and products... was considered all that was necessary... during late years the section devoted... to minerals has been so en... enlarged and improved upon, until at... the present held at St. Louis there... an exhibiting in full operation a... plate stamp mill, cyaniding plant... and other machinery installed by the... men of the Black Hills and South D... also crushing machinery, concentr... plants and other works installed... by the manufacturers, and kept in o... operation, while the United States... ment itself had a coal-testing machi... installed and kept running.

This article is written for the... purpose of calling attention to the... fact that at Portland, Oregon, an... exhibition is to be held on similar... lines to that which has just closed... at St. Louis, and that recently the... Seattle Post-Intelligencer called attention... to the fact that there would be min... and metallurgical machinery installed... and that ore would be treated on the... and the proceeds paid over to ship... Evidently the direct results from... the displays made at these ex... have been found to be satisfactory from... monetary point of view by the residents... of the mining districts, because the... government itself, otherwise the ex... ordinary expenditures which have been... made, would not have been repeated... displays must never have been in... display. As a matter of fact, the... displays must certainly have proved... profitable, but when the matter is... considered from the miner's point of... view, the educational value of such... more knowledge which is gained by... the laymen, who is almost invariably... the purchaser of mineral products, the... chance he has to get clear of wild... propositions, and thus save himself... the loss of his hard-earned money.

The more thoroughly the general... public understand the intricacies of... mining and metallurgy, and the... knowledge which is required to carry... on these industries successfully, the... fewer mistakes will be made in the... branch, and the less likely are com... and individuals to place the su... tendence of operations in the hands of... incompetent men.

Some people appear to imagine that... all mining operations are alike, and... the form of mineral products, and... they have at times given way to the... temptation to play safe, and to... thought they saw the opportunity... make a big profit on a small invest... in other words, to get into the... nothing, and later discovered that... were losers in the game, immediately... some mining and crying that... mining is a gamble, and that it... entirely by luck and chance.

The educational displays, by which... such people as these are led and... are productive of very beneficial... to the industry for the purpose of... deluded stock buyers. For if they... are not willfully blind, they will be... convinced in short order that the... and great knowledge of geology, chem... and the various branches of en... engineering are the factors in the... makeup of the successful mine man... or mining engineer, and the idea that... secure a man of business, who... nearly every other walk in life, he... make a success in operating the mine... will be given to him.

MINERAL RESOURCES OF QUATSINO SOUND, VAN COUVER ISLAND.

Quatsino Sound is the most northerly... of the deep water harbors on the West... Coast of Vancouver Island. In many... respects, it bears a striking resemblance... other inland waters on the West Coast... The most easterly arm which is... located in the vicinity of the Comstock... district, and extends into the interior... to within about ten miles of the East... Coast. The sound itself is made up... of the Southeast Arm, Rupert Arm, the... West Arm and Winter Harbor; the two... latter being situated on the easterly... side of the main sound, and the... two former on the east and south-eas... tly side. Each of these arms forms... good harbors, the water being suffi... ciently deep to accommodate ocean-going... vessels, which can be safely anchor... and perfect shelter from any storms... which may be raging on the open ocean... into which Quatsino Sound opens.

THE BOUNDARY SMELTERS.

Ten Furnaces Now in Blast and Work... Started on Others.

Grand Forks, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—There are now nine furnaces in blast... in the three Boundary smelters, and... about a week the Boundary Falls smel... ter will blow in a second furnace, mak... ing ten in all. There is no doubt that... the Montreal & Boston mines can sup... ply ore for four furnaces for years to... come. This company's payroll for last... month was about \$15,000, and the best... results are being obtained at the smel... ter from the splendid mixture of ores... they are shipping from their own mines... and it is their intention to put in their... own converting plant about the first of... the next year.

Quatsino Sound.

side of the creek, which connects Vic... toria and Alice lakes, and... In consideration of the increased de... mand for zinc ore at the present time... this discovery promises to be of great... importance. It is expected that the... lack of a market for such ores in the... West, no serious attempt at develop... ment has been made on this ore, except... Of course as long as zinc ores have to... be shipped to the Kansas zinc works... some mining and crying that... mining is a gamble, and that it... entirely by luck and chance.

MINING IN BOUNDARY.

Progress of Work on Properties in and... About Grand Forks.

Grand Forks, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The... Copper Key, a property on the... reservation, which is shipping ore, has... secured some heavy horses and wagons... for use in hauling the ore to the rail... road. This will enable large loads to... be taken from the mine to the Lamb... Creek station, where the ore is loaded... on cars. The mine is in shape to ship... a car load per day.

The Anonymous group has recently... been bonded to M. R. Staigt of Rep... ublic. This property lies between the... Copper Key and Gold King, and the... general opinion is that it is a contin... uation of the same lens from which the... Copper Key is now shipping with such... satisfactory results.

The mining machinery for the Bette... and Heperus properties, on Harly... mountain has arrived and will be hauled... to the mine at once by Taylor & Fisher... the contractors. It is expected that... the machinery will be all placed in position... before the cold weather sets in.

Spokane Spokesman-Review.

British Columbia copper securities... enjoying boom in New York and... Boston. Granby has climbed up to \$5.50... 65.75. It was \$5.50 three months ago... J. Langensie, president of the Ameri... can Metal Company, who recently visit... ed the Boundary district, British Co... lumbia, has been elected president of... the Granby Consolidated Copper Com... pany to succeed H. C. Miner.

B. C. COPPER SHARES BOOM.

British Columbia Copper, operating... the smelter at Greenwood, B. C., and... mines near by, has increased its call... from \$3 to \$7.50 a share since August... 30. It is incorporated for \$2,000,000... and has only 50,000 shares as yet... issued.

TAUGHT OYAMA TO SHOOT.

Twenty-five years ago I was an ex... perience rifle shot, and could hit a... moving object every time. The 22-caliber... rifle made accurate cartridges. Taking ad... vantage of the accession of the youth... ful Maria Theresa to the throne of Au... stria, Frederick revived an antiquated... claim of his family to Silesia, and in... 1740 he hurried 30,000 soldiers into that... province. Ambition, interest, the de... sire of making people talk about me... the Pacific at San Francisco, and was... used for a manual by the regular out... movements are completed the manage... ment expects to be able to produce... 1,200,000 pounds of copper per month... without costing the by products of... gold and silver. There is fine dust... and at the present time values are \$75... 000, which will be smelted as soon as... the mill is completed. The product, after... leaving the converter, averages 95% per... cent. fine copper."

LETTERS CAME HIGH.

"I will remember," said E. McLaugh... lin, a banker and honored citizen of San... Jose, Cal., at the Arlington, "that when... I came down to the States, I met... Stanford first being booming their plat... of building a railroad across the conti... nent to the Coast, Californians general... ly ridiculed the scheme as visionary and... quite impracticable. Those who thought... it was the dream of a madman, and who... had crossed the plains, and who didn't... think it possible that an iron highway... could ever be carried over the long

stretches of desert and lofty ranges of... mountains.

"I was a pioneer myself, but went by... the isthmus (we called it the Isthmus... of Darien) to the States, and in 1849... I came not far from Sacramento. Hunt... ington and Hopkins were then conduct... ing a hardware business in that town... The mail came twice a month and these... were great days in Sacramento. The... people would be lined up in front of the... postoffice in single file that stretched... out for a quarter of a mile. The post... office letters from the States were 40... cents. A man would not be allowed to... ask for mail of more than one person... and he wanted to procure that of... some one else he would have to go... back and take up his position at the... rear of the line. Some thirty follow... made quite a little loose change by get... ting letters that came to men in mining... camps, and carrying them to the... owners got the usual fee of \$5 or bet... ter."—Washington Post.

NO GRUDGE AGAINST HIM.

The Judge—Ton called him a liar... did you? How did he take up the... The Colonel—He's a perfect surpri... me, such by acting like a perfect gen... tleman. He knocked me down, sub.—Chi... cago Tribune.

FREDERICK THE GREAT

"I have no resources more... I will not survive the destruction of my... country. Farewell forever.—Frederick... the Great to his minister, Finckenstein... after the battle of Koenigsberg.

place in the first rank among general... S. O. D.

THIS IS A GREAT COUNTRY.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

For several years the impression has... been quite general that the mainland... United States had about all the steam... railroads it could use, and that no con... siderable additions to railway mileage... was to be expected.

Of course, it was known that rail... way building was going on all the time... but most people had the idea that this... was chiefly improvement and recon... struction of existing lines rather than... new construction.

Therefore, readers not actively in... touch with railway affairs will be some... what surprised to learn that the main... railway mileage of 1904 will be not less... than 4,600 miles, or about the distance... from New York to San Francisco, and... back to Omaha.

England added only 12 miles... for 348 miles, and for 498 miles the... Canadian Northern States. In the Pa... cific Coast States 562 miles were ad... ded in the Northwest States.

But the largest addition, over 1,500... miles, was made in the Southwest, now... the most rapidly growing part of the... nation, and largely in Texas, which now... holds the title, "First in Railway Mil... eage," held by Illinois from 1800 until... this year.

But that the mainland United States... should this year have found occasion to... build railways equal in length to the... other line from the Atlantic to the Pa... cific, and the Illinois Superior to the... Gulf is a fact that will seem to some... to require explanation.

The explanation is simply that this... year a great country, which has created... millions of its citizens readily compre... hended and needs 4,000 more miles of... railway, has done so because it is a great... country.

PIERPONT MORGAN BUYS C.N.R. STOCK.

A confidential agent of Pierpont... Morgan is at Winnipeg after mak... ing an inspection trip over the... Canadian Northern Railway, the... official of the company says Morgan... had bought a large block of stock in the... company, and the line will be extend... ed from Coast to Coast as soon as pos... sible.

The C. N. R. has an extensive system... in Manitoba and in the Eastern prov... inces and controls lines in Quebec and... New Brunswick. The plans call for... the purchase or construction of 1,100... miles of railway and another connection... with the Great Western and the James Bay... Atlantic port.

VALUABLE OF THE BOB WHITE.

The ornithologists of the Department... of Agriculture have been making a lar... ge collection of the economic value of the... bob white, a common quail, as a result... of which it is now announced that this... bird is probably the most useful, abundant... species on the farm. Field observations, ex... periments, and examinations show that... it consumes large quantities of weed seeds... and destroys many of the worst insect... pests with which farmers contend, and yet... it does not injure grain, or any other... crop. It is figured that from September... to April 30, annually in Virginia alone... it consumes 1,000,000,000 of the worst... weeds and destroys millions of insects... worth to the farmer. The report says... that the total consumption of weed seeds... by bob whites amounts to 573 tons. Some... of the most valuable and common of the... birds of the field are the bob white, the... warden of 315,000 acres; the potato bug... which cuts off \$10,000,000 from the value... of the potato crop; the Colorado potato... beetle, which has done for war, and... which have been known to cause \$30,000,000... of loss in the potato crop; the Colorado... Mountain locust, scourges which leave de... solation in their path, and have caused los... ses of \$100,000,000 in the United States... in 1875. The report urges measures to se... cure the preservation of the bob white in... this country.—Selected.

WANTED

Seeds of Douglas Fir and Native Cedar

Directions on how to secure this seed on application, M. R. Henry, Henry's Nursery, Vancouver, B. C.

EMPIRE GREASE SEPARATOR

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BRIT WINS

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Mechanics Pavilion, San Francisco, Dec. 20.—A 350,000 audience was jammed into the Mechanics' Pavilion to witness the fight between Jimmy Britt and "Battling" Nelson.

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Christmas Gifts

The Oregonian. The whole world is a Christmas tree, and stars in many colors.

The approaching holidays with their dearth of secrets, make the thoughts of the Christmas tree very common.

Large and small will wear a bit of green these days, and join in the refrain: "So new is come our joyful feast; Whose Christmas tree will be the best."

Washington State Horticulturist Tells of Good Work Done. Tacoma, Dec. 20.—The San Jose scale, a fruit pest, is being rapidly eliminated.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—Henry L. Meyer, jun., one of the directors of the St. Charles, Missouri, Savings Bank.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Considerable surprise is manifested at the foreign press regarding the reports from English sources representing the Washington government as desiring to abandon the Russian-Anglo arbitration treaty.

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in all sorts of odd sizes and shapes. The favorite is the holy cup and saucer, decorated with red berries and the words, "Hail to the King."

Novel fruit baskets come in dull silver or in gold and silver, which are decidedly unique.

Plants and flowers will be in demand for Christmas, and florists expect to have a busy season.

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Table listing various Christmas fruits and their prices, including Japan Walnuts, Cranberries, Raisins, and other seasonal items.

OUR BON-BONS

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Our Xmas supply of Turkeys and Cape Cod Cranberries is now on the way, and as these goods are specially selected for our trade.

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

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