

VAN SANT SAYS HE'S WILLING

If The People Like His Merger Fight They Have His Permission to Make Him Senator:

St. Paul, Dec. 22.—Gov. Van Sant addressed a large audience at Hastings last night on "Freight Rates," and his speech is regarded as his entry into the senatorial contest as a candidate for the seat in the United States senate now occupied by Senator Clapp, of St. Paul. Before going to Hastings, Governor Van Sant was asked if he was going to make a

formal announcement of his candidacy and said: "I am going to let that take care of itself. If the people of Minnesota think that I am a man who represents the principles I advocate and that I am the man to carry them out as a United States senator, then my address may be looked upon as an announcement of my candidacy."

FORTHCOMING RUSSIAN LOAN.

Overtures Made to a Number of New York Bankers. New York, Dec. 22.—Overtures are reported to have been made to a number of local bankers concerning the flotation here of a part of the forthcoming Russian loan. No definite steps have been taken as yet toward placing the bonds, but bankers express the belief that a fair sized block will find a market in this city and there may even be a public offering, as in the case of the two recent Japanese loans, which were placed here and half in Europe. The amount of the new Russian loan, as already announced, will be \$250,000,000 and it was said that perhaps \$5,000,000 of this amount might be placed in this country.

This loan was to have been brought out in January next, but it is now stated that the issue will be postponed until the middle of February.

RUSSIAN ATTACKS FAIL.

Marshal Oyama Reports Small Encounters With Enemy.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—The following report from Manchurian headquarters was made public during the day: "On Monday at 5 in the afternoon the enemy's artillery east of Da mountain bombarded the neighborhood of Shilinsing. At 1 in the morning of Tuesday the enemy's infantry attacked us south of Fienhshagap and at Tazupao. By 4 in the morning he was repulsed. Simultaneously the enemy's infantry attacked Chinsiantung, Heliating and Huangti and made a most vigorous attack in the neighborhood of Chinsiantung. The fighting continued about an hour, when the enemy was completely repulsed. We had no casualties."

FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATION.

Admiral Togo Reports Disablement of the Sevastopol.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—Admiral Togo, who has personally made a series of observations of the Russian battleship Sevastopol, telegraphs to the navy department expressing the opinion that the Sevastopol is disabled. Great weight is attached to Togo's personal observations and opinions, instanced by the fact that when the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk Togo was one of the few officers of the entire Japanese fleet whose eyes caught the vision of the speedy disaster.

RUSSIAN EMBASSY DENIES.

Not Trying to Bribe Fishermen on Dogger Bank.

London, Dec. 22.—The Russian embassy has given the Associated Press a formal denial of the statement made in some of the London papers that it has sent emissaries to Hull to bribe the fishermen of the trawler fleet. The embassy says it has no knowledge whatever of the alleged attempts to bribe the witnesses to aver that there were torpedo boats among the fishing fleet off the Dogger bank.

BELITTLE THE CAPTURE.

Russian Critics on Recent Taking of Fort at Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Military critics here do not attach vital importance to the capture of the north fort of Keekwan mountain. They declare it is not part of the main line of defenses of Port Arthur and, therefore, is without direct influence on the fate of the fortress.

SAYS SYVETON WAS MURDERED.

Paris, Dec. 22.—M. Syveton, father of the late Deputy Syveton, has made a formal complaint to the criminal court that his son had been the victim of assassination. The accused person was not specifically named, as the examining magistrate is to make a specific charge after an investigation of the complaint.

BITTER CHAPTER ENDS

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS ADMIT PARTIAL WRECKING OF PORT ARTHUR WARSHIPS.

NEEDS SAILORS AND HEAVY GUNS

GENERAL STOESSEL SAYS FORTRESS WOULD FALL ONLY FOR SHIPS' AID.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—While declining to give details the admiralty admits that Russian warships from Port Arthur sent by General Stoessel substantially confirmed the Japanese advice of the partial wrecking of the Russian ships in the harbor and the publication of the dispatches. It is claimed that several of the larger ships and a respectable number of torpedo boat destroyers are still seaworthy, but they are not being considered as a fighting force. The Russian Admiral Togo's ships and the Russian second Pacific squadron. The whole series of misfortunes which has attended the Port Arthur squadron is a bitter chapter in Russian naval annals, but since the arrival of the latest advice there has been less disposition to criticize Rear Admiral Wires' failure to make a sortie, General Stoessel having decided that further defense of the fortress would be impossible if the guns of the warships and the sailors aboard were re-embarked. Had the ships been able to go out under the conditions existing they would have been at the mercy of the Japanese and have been sacrificed without hope of inflicting commensurate damage. The fortress is believed to be held by most of the ships will be raised and saved.

The reports that a Japanese squadron of forty vessels had already sailed to meet the second Pacific squadron is regarded at the admiralty here as being incorrect and circulated for a purpose.

MOST EXTENSIVE OF THE WAR.

Mobilization of Reserves in Seven Russian Districts.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Mobilization of the reserves has been announced in seven military districts. This is the third and most extensive mobilization of the reserves since about 200,000 men to the army in the Far East. It is thought that the whole force can be placed in the field by spring, when the problem of food and fuel will be more easily met and the transportation of the troops will create less stress upon the Transsiberian railway. It will bring General Kurapatkin's effective force, roughly estimated, to 680,000 men.

PARDON FOR COLONEL AMES.

Former Minneapolis Police Superintendent a Free Man.

St. Paul, Dec. 22.—Fred W. Ames, the former Minneapolis police superintendent, who was sentenced two years ago to serve six and a half years for accepting a bribe, was granted an unconditional pardon at a special meeting of the pardon board held at the capitol during the afternoon.

OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.

Question of Ability of China to Hold Russians Seeking Refuge.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—The examination of the cargo, passengers and crew of the British steamer Nigretia, which was seized by the Japanese cruiser Tashima Dec. 19, is progressing at Sasebo. Apparently it is undetermined whether parole breaking Russian officers are on board the Nigretia. The Japanese are carefully investigating this feature of the case because of the question of the ability of the Chinese officials to properly conduct the internment of Russians who seek refuge at ports in China. It is considered vitally important.

MAKES TASK EASIER.

Capture of Fort Will Aid in Taking Keekwan Mountain.

Headquarters of the Japanese Third Army before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 22.—The capture of the north fort of East Keekwan mountain Dec. 18 by the Japanese is of much importance, because it opens a way up the gorge to the highest hills and will render easier the capture of the mountain. It gives much additional foothold for a general assault on the western half of the eastern fortified ridges. The Japanese now hold five of the seven protecting forts.

TROPHIES AT PORT ARTHUR.

Japs Report Capture of Guns, Rifles, Ammunition, Etc.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The following cablegram dated Tokio, Dec. 21, has been received at the Japanese legation: "Port Arthur army reports our trophies at the battle of the north fort of Tunkewanshan were four quick-firers whereof two are usable; four machine guns, all usable, and five field guns, which are under examination, besides rifles, shells, ammunition, grenades, etc."

TO MEET BALTIC FLEET.

Strong Jap Squadron Said to Have Sailed Southward.

London, Dec. 22.—The Telegraph's correspondent at Shanghai says it is reported that a Japanese squadron, composed of eight warships and fifteen transports, has gone south to meet the Russian Baltic fleet. The Mail correspondent at Hongkong sends a similar dispatch.

FOR POPULAR GOVERNMENT.

Governor of Moscow Condemns Resolution of Town Council.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The governor of Moscow has officially condemned the resolution of the Moscow town council Dec. 13 advocating popular control of the government and freedom of the press and of meeting. On instructions from Interior Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky City Captain Goltz has demanded an official explanation of why questions outside of its competency were discussed by the town council.

DISMISSES TWO MORE

POSTMASTER GENERAL REMOVES OFFICERS OF RURAL CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION.

TOO ACTIVE DURING RECENT ELECTION

DISCHARGED MEN SAID TO HAVE MADE EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Postmaster General Wynne during the day removed two more rural carriers for alleged efforts to influence legislation, the employees being H. E. Nivin of Berthoud, Colo., and J. W. Whitehead of Medina, O. Nivin is chairman of the executive board of the National Rural Carriers' association. Whitehead also is a member of the executive board and is secretary of the Ohio state organization of the carriers. The report on the investigation points out that Nivin's plan was that the rural carriers in each state should look into the question of supporting the candidates for election or reelection to congress in their state and to such of these candidates as proved "true" to the carriers the association would pledge its support for any political honors sought in the particular state. The correspondence indicates that Representative Overstreet of Indiana was a special target of attack by the carriers because he refused to give them any pledges or promises as chairman of the house committee on postoffices.

FASHIONABLE CLUB BURNS.

Spark From Electric Wire Causes Loss of Building.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Metropolitan clubhouse, the home of the most fashionable club in Washington, was gutted by fire during the day involving an estimated loss of \$50,000 to \$100,000, partially covered by insurance. The fire was caused by a spark from an electric wire near the elevator shaft. The club has a large membership embracing some of the best known men in public life, but the only occupants at the time of the fire were the watchmen, steward and two other employees, all of whom escaped.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT UNKNOWN.

Four Men Killed in Explosion of Sawmill Boiler.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 22.—Four men were killed and their bodies terribly mangled as the result of a boiler explosion at the sawmill of B. F. Redline near Housburg, Columbia county, Pa. The explosion occurred at 10:30 a. m. Redline, aged thirty; Irwin Kline, thirty-nine; Charles Wright, thirty-five; Elias Ash, sixty.

PROFESSOR BUDD DEAD.

Head of Horticultural Department in Iowa State College.

Des Moines, Dec. 22.—A telegram has been received here from San Antonio, Tex., announcing the death of Professor J. L. Budd, for twenty-two years head of the horticultural department of Iowa State Agricultural college and one of the most widely known horticulturists in the country. He died at 10:30 a. m. of the United States government and spent two years in studying the fruit trees of Siberia and introducing many new varieties into the United States.

RAN INTO OPEN SWITCH.

Engineer and Fireman Killed in Wreck at Lena, Wis.

Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 22.—Engineer Martin Davin and Fireman Louis Miller of this city were killed during the day in the wreck of a southbound passenger train on the Milwaukee road at Lena, Wis. The train ran into an open switch. Fifteen passengers were injured.

TWO CHILDREN PERISH.

Lamp Explosion Causes Their Deaths at Atlanta, Wis.

Bruce, Wis., Dec. 22.—Two children lost their lives in a fire in the home of Joseph Covey at Atlanta, Wis. One mile north of this place. The blaze was caused by the explosion of a lamp. The children were eight and ten years of age, respectively.

PINNED DOWN BY OIL TANK.

Grafton, N. D., Dec. 22.—Frank McPherson, local manager of the Standard Oil company, was pinned beneath an oil tank which fell upon him after he had been thrown from his wagon by a sudden lurch of the vehicle. A farmer found him several hours later and released him. McPherson was almost frozen. His injuries and the exposure he suffered likely will result in his death.

CONSECRATED BISHOP OF HELENA.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 22.—At the Roman Catholic cathedral here Rev. J. P. Carroll, former president of St. Joseph's college, this city, was during the day consecrated bishop of the diocese of Helena. Most archbishop Keene of Dubuque officiated as consecrator. Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis preached the sermon. Twenty prelates and 200 priests were present.

FARMER BURNS TO DEATH.

Arlington, S. D., Dec. 22.—Carl Matson, living north of De Smet, was burned to death in his residence on his farm. It is supposed that he locked the door and then set fire to the house, possibly first committing suicide, as the contents of the room in which the fire originated seemed to be saturated with kerosene or some other combustible material.

RUSSIA IS AROUSED.

Delay in Getting Reform Measures Stirring the People.

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SENATE ADJOURNS TO JAN. 4.

Washington, Dec. 22.—After a session of four minutes' duration the senate adjourned until Jan. 4 next. The proceedings consisted of a prayer by Chaplain Hale, the reading of the Journal of Monday's brief session and the receipt of a number of nominations from the president.

HOUSE ADJOURNS OVER HOLIDAYS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The house adjourned at 12:30 until Jan. 4, after thirteen days' session.

ARGUES FOR DEFENSE

COUNSEL FOR NAN PATTERSON ADDRESSES JURY IN PRISONER'S BEHALF.

BUILT OF MOST FLIMSIFY MATERIAL

CASE OF PROSECUTION CALLED A FAILURE AND ACQUITTAL ASKED FOR.

New York, Dec. 22.—The case of Nan Patterson, the former show girl charged with the murder of Caesar Young, will not go to the jury for another day. This announcement was made during the afternoon by Justice Davis, who said that the physical condition of some of the jurors was such that they could not stand a night session. The entire forenoon session was taken up by Lawyer Abraham Levy, leading counsel for Miss Patterson, in the closing argument for the defense. As Assistant District Attorney Rand will speak three hours in closing for the prosecution it was evident that the charge to the jury would be deferred until morning.

Upon the opening of court Mr. Unger, of counsel for the defense, renewed his motion for Justice Davis to order the acquittal of Miss Patterson without further proceedings, but the court denied the motion and directed counsel to proceed with the arguments. Mr. Levy then began the closing address to the jury for the defense.

Mr. Levy impressed upon the jury the fact that Miss Patterson was not being tried for immorality. No woman became bad because of innate depravity, said he. She becomes bad because of the incentives of man and the weakness of her nature. If a man takes his life because of a love of her, why punish her? Her soul was as black as the gates of hell but she was nevertheless entitled under the law to as fair treatment as if she were the sweetest and purest.

ATTORNEY GROWS DRAMATIC.

"You cannot bring back the dead," said Mr. Levy, "but if Caesar Young were here today I think he would speak a few words for this poor girl who has made his playing the part of a man for her." He argued that the whole case of the prosecution was constructed of the most flimsy material and that, if nothing more, should raise a doubt in the minds of the jurors.

Mr. Levy claimed that the prosecution had failed utterly in its attempt to show that Miss Patterson had any motive to take Young's life. On the other hand, it had shown that she had every reason to want him to live. Nelson, her husband, paid her money, ensuring her life of ease and affluence, and she loved him. The prosecution failed at a vital point in its case, he declared, in not being able to prove that Miss Patterson had a revolver. He maintained that it had been proved conclusively that she had no pistol and suggested that the man who purchased the weapon at Stern's pawnshop might have been Young's brother-in-law, Luce, and that the pistol might have been given Young by Luce when he saw him just before the fatal car ride began.

QUOTES FROM THE BIBLE.

Mr. Levy read from the Bible the story of the meeting of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, concluding with Christ's words to the woman: "Go and sin no more." Then, pointing to the defendant, he said to the jurors: "Do not send her to her doom now when the entire world is rejoicing. See, she sits there abandoned by all except that old man, her aged father. I leave her in your hands, confident that you will do what is right and restore her to her devoted old father at a time when everything proclaims 'Peace on earth, good will to men.' I ask that you allow her to take him home to the aged wife and mother, who awaits him, and give her a chance to live a new life with them in her home."

COURT WAS FILLED DURING THE AFTERNOON.

When Assistant District Attorney Rand began his closing argument, Mr. Rand began by complimenting Mr. Levy on his plea for the defendant, saying: "If we did not listen to it with acquiescence we did at least with respect."

ANOTHER SATCHEL MISSING.

Thought to Contain Valuables Belonging to Mrs. Chadwick.

Cleveland, Dec. 22.—Still another satchel, one thought by Receiver Loewer to contain valuables belonging to Mrs. Chadwick, has been found to be missing. This developed in a short examination of Mrs. Mary Loudravis, Mrs. Chadwick's former housekeeper, held before Referee in Bankruptcy Remington. Other witnesses will have to be examined before the receiver will be able to put his fingers upon the supposed valuables, if any.

DISCOVERY IS IN ADDITION TO THE MISSING TRUNK AND BAG BELONGING TO Mrs. Chadwick.

The discovery is in addition to the missing trunk and bag belonging to Mrs. Chadwick, which was found in New York city the day before Mrs. Chadwick was arrested.

ATTEMPT TO BRIBE JURY.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—The Oregonian says that it has become known that the grand jury which is investigating the land fraud charges has been approached for the purpose of influencing its decisions. One jurymen is known to have been approached and the man who did it is known to the federal authorities. The attempt was unsuccessful, so it is stated.

GIRL WOUNDS LOVER AND SUICIDES.

New York, Dec. 22.—Mary O'lah, the Hungarian girl who shot Sigmund Bohn, a waiter, in the Cafe Boulevard early in the day and then sent two bullets into her own body, is dead. Before the woman died she said that Bohn had betrayed her before she learned that he was a wife and two children. It is believed that Bohn will recover.

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ITASCA MEN VIGILANTERS

Indians Force Itasca Settlers to Organize Vigilance Committees For Their Protection.

Duluth, Dec. 22.—Incensed over the large number of murders and robberies that have been committed recently by Canadian Indians in the northern part of Itasca county near the international boundary, the settlers and homesteaders have formed themselves into vigilance committees for the purpose of avenging the deaths of some of their comrades.

ous for Indians to cross over from Canada.

The latest tragedy in the north country which has come to light is that of a settler, Thos. McKinstry, aged 80 years, who while alone in his cabin, at Pelland, was attacked by two Indians and in order to protect himself the old man fired, killing one of them, the other fled across the line and informed his fellow braves with the result that McKinstry's life is now menaced. He has appealed to the authorities for protection.

Enoch Leighton, a settler, was here today and says that from this time on it will be made exceedingly dangerous for Indians to cross over from Canada.

JAPANESE MAKE ATTACK

Capture Two Important Positions on Pigeon Bay From Russians This Morning.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—The Japanese this morning captured two important positions on Pigeon Bay at Port Arthur. The Russians made a counter attack but were repulsed.

Looking For Russ Fleet.

Singapore, Straits Settlement, Dec. 22.—A fleet of Japanese warships passed here this morning, steaming west to meet the Russian Baltic fleet.

BRITT GIVEN THE DECISION.

Fight With Nelson at San Francisco Goes the Limit.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Jimmy Britt was awarded the decision over "Batling" Nelson at the end of the twentieth round. It was a wonderful fight, with a hurricane pace maintained throughout. Both men fought like tigers throughout the long mill, Nelson being particularly brilliant. Britt's superior skill earned him the decision, which was strictly on points. The San Francisco man was knocked down once and received far more punishment than his opponent. Britt repeatedly reached Nelson in vulnerable spots, but the Chicago man always came back for more, fresh and strong. Roche's decision was objected to by Nelson, who declared after the fight that George Siler is the only referee who is capable of judging a fight on its merits.

TIYPHOID KILLS MANY.

Epidemic Mows Down German Troops in Africa.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Almost daily the authorities have made public lists of deaths by typhoid fever among the German troops in Southwest Africa and public concern therefrom has caused the government to publish the statistics to Nov. 30. The total number of cases was 374, of which 184 died, 67 were sent home, 272 recovered in Africa and 411 are in the hospitals.

ADMIRAL OMMANNEY DEAD.

"Father of the British Navy" Expires at Portsmouth, Eng.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 22.—Admiral Sir Prusias Omanney, the "father of the British navy," died here during the day after a lengthy illness. He was the last survivor of the battle of Navarino, fought in 1827, which resulted in the destruction of the Turkish fleet. The admiral was born in 1814 and entered the navy in 1826.

Big Factories Destroyed.

Beloit, Wis., Dec. 22.—The John Thompson & Son agricultural machine works and the Moline engine factory were destroyed by fire during the day, causing a loss of \$100,000.

Report of St. Luke's.—Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a Godsend remedy. Respectfully yours, E. A. Langfeldt, M. A., Rector of St. Luke's Church. This remedy is for sale by Barkers Drug Store.

Mrs. Mike Wold of Solway is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Sullivan for a few days.

Give your children a happy Christmas and buy your toys at I. B. Olson's.

Select line of candies, cigars, tobaccos and fruit always at the Princess.

Send Santa Claus over to Peterson's and he will find what he wants.

Nothing can be better than the best—Mark's lung Balsam is the best. Santa Claus masks at Peterson's.

WHERE THEY CURE SICK AND INJURED



Bemidji has many first class institutions, but of all none receive the hearty praise accorded St. Anthony's Hospital. By every woodsman ever confined in the institution it is spoken of in the very highest terms and the treatment administered them by the kind hearted sisters and hospital physicians is a matter which commands the good will of everyone.