

WILL HEAD OFF BALTIC FLEET

Japanese Cruisers Sighted On Chinese Coast.

MINES PLANTED ON FORMOSA COAST

The Zemstvos at Moscow Adjourn Because of Unfavorable Attitude of the Czar.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Hongkong states that two Japanese cruisers have been sighted off there. A third has reached Amoy.

Japs Plant More Mines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Japanese have notified the state department that mines have been placed in Kelung harbor on the northeast coast of Formosa. Shipping has been notified.

Zemstvos Adjourn Indefinitely.

MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—The Zemstvos adjourned indefinitely last night after adopting resolutions to the effect that they were deeply moved by the government's attitude regarding the proceedings of the Zemstvos to continue business with the necessary calm.

GENERAL STOESEL INJURED.

The Garrison at Port Arthur Cheerful and Confident.

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—The report from Port Arthur that General Stoessel had been injured by falling from his horse and General Kondrachanko had been killed is confirmed. General Smiloff is reported wounded. The battleship Sevastopol has sunk in shallow water. Her bow is damaged in two places and her steering gear is also damaged. The garrison is said to be cheerful and confident that the fortress will not fall before March 1. It is said the army has sufficient provisions to last until February. The navy has about a month's stores. Only a few junks bearing supplies have reached Port Arthur during the past month. The price of food is very high.

LIST OF CASUALTIES.

Japanese Government Gives Out Some Figures.

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—The authorities this morning published a list of 33 men killed and 60 wounded. It is assumed the casualties occurred at Port Arthur. Naval authorities also publish a list of nine officers and 67 men killed on special duty. It is surmised that another cruiser has been sunk or damaged and that these officers and men lost lives in this manner.

Kuropatkin Asks Reinforcements.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A message from St. Petersburg states that Kuropatkin has asked that as many reinforcements as possible be sent him and that the capacity of the army be increased by from 12 to 18 trains daily.

Bubonic Plague Among Cossacks.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—A disease similar to the bubonic plague has appeared among the Kierghiz Cossacks in the Ural district, resulting in 190 deaths during the past month.

The Askold Is Being Watched.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.—The Russian cruiser Askold has been coaling and replacing her machinery preparatory to an effort to join the Russian second Pacific squadron. Several Chinese cruisers are on their way here to prevent the escape of the Russian vessel.

FAITHFUL DOG GUARDS CAMP.

His Master, a Lone Trapper, May Have Been Murdered and Body Hidden.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 27.—Members of a surveying party just returned from a stay of several months near the boundary line, report the disappearance of a lone trapper named Edwards, who has lived near Basswood lake above Ely several years, making his home by trapping bear and other animals. Edwards' sole companion in his long stay in the woods was a huge bulldog, and the scores of deep scars on the animal testify to the many hard battles he has engaged in with beasts of the forest. While this surveying crew was near Edwards' place he left on one of his

trips. A month later the same party found his camp outfit and boat on an island in Bear Island lake.

Nearby was the bulldog, almost starved, but still guarding the camp, and it was a long time before he would let one of the party get near it. Edwards has not been seen since, and has been given up for dead for some time. Some believe he may have been killed in a quarrel with Indians and the body buried. Why the dog should be guarding the camp and his master missing was another puzzling question.

WINTER MANEUVERS.

North Atlantic Squadron Getting Ready for Busy Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—From today, which is the date set for its assembling at Hampton Roads, the ships of the North Atlantic squadron are to have a busy time of it until the middle of July. The five months will be spent in the usual winter maneuvers in the Caribbean and in target practice. Next week the fleet will be inspected at Hampton Roads by Secretary Moody and Admiral Dewey. One week later the North Atlantic fleet will proceed to Culebra and will be met there by the European South Atlantic squadrons. The search problem and other exercises will begin about Feb. 7 and continue for two weeks, when the fleet will start for Guantanamo. From the end of March until about the middle of May the fleet will engage in target practice off the Florida coast.

LOUGHEAD WILL PROBATED

ESTATE IS BEQUEATHED TO RELATIVES OF DECEASED PIONEER FARMER.

T. C. Elliott is Named as Administrator and He Will Have Charge of the Estate.

The last will and testament of the late John Loughead, the pioneer Walla Walla farmer, who died recently, was admitted to probate in the superior court today and Thompson C. Elliott named as the administrator. The estate consists of a large amount of personal property and farm lands in Walla Walla county the value of which will be determined by three appraisers to be appointed by the court.

According to the will the deceased bequeathed his personal property as follows: Timothy Loughead, a brother, residing in Elmira, N. Y., \$500; Mrs. Luce, a sister, of Minneapolis, one-tenth of the entire personal property; Elizabeth Jane Lilley, a sister, of Troy, Pa., one-tenth; Tryphena Loughead, a sister, of Elmira, N. Y., one-fifth; Thecla A. Linderman, a sister, of Lexington, Mo., one-fifth; Alexander Loughead, a brother, one-fifth; Walter Loughead and Frederick Loughead, nephews, each one-tenth.

All the real estate is created into a trust fund for the period of seven years, which is to be managed by T. C. Elliott as trustee. The net increase of this trust fund is to be divided equally among the heirs and at the end of the seven years the real estate is to be divided as follows: To Tryphena Loughead 320 acres, Thecla Linderman 320 acres, Alexander Loughead 320 acres, Walter Loughead 160 acres and Frederick Loughead 160 acres.

QUARTERMASTER MURDERED.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 28.—The dead body of Captain Howard W. French, constructing quartermaster of the new army post at Chickamauga park, was found this morning near the stone quarry. He had been shot through the heart and it is believed he was murdered.

Bryan in the Sweatbox.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 28.—Locked in a small hot room in the union station here by accident, William Jennings Bryan yesterday took an involuntary Turkish bath, the torridity of which was announced by his strenuous efforts to escape. For ninety minutes he was unable to make himself heard, and in that time lost several pounds by perspiration.

Mr. Bryan came in from a lecture tour, and, having several hours to wait for a train, asked the station master for a place to write a letter. The stationmaster gave him his office, and, going out, closed the door, which has a spring lock. When Mr. Bryan started out he found himself a prisoner, with extra steam sizzling from the radiators, and he was almost unconscious when he was liberated.

REQUISITION TO BE HONORED

Governor Odell Will Give Up Dr. Chadwick.

WILL BE PROMPTLY ARRESTED

Sheriff Barry Will Arrest the Husband of Notorious Forger on Arrival of Ship.

ALBANY, Dec. 28.—It is announced this morning that the requisition of the governor of Ohio for Dr. Chadwick will be honored. The papers will be sent to Sheriff Barry at New York today.

Bond for Mrs. Chadwick.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 28.—It is reported that a bonding company will tomorrow furnish a \$40,000 bond for Mrs. Chadwick.

IN THE BLIZZARD'S GRASP.

Region East of the Rockies Experiencing Severe Storm.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The country east of the Rockies is still in the blizzard's grasp. Traffic and telegraphic communication continue badly crippled. The upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys are feeling the brunt of the storm. Communication with those sections is practically cut off. Even the weather bureau is unable to secure its regular reports. A heavy storm is moving down from Puget Sound.

CHICAGO BREWERY ROBBED.

Watchman and Engineer Bound and Gagged by Masked Men.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Masked robbers bound and gagged the watchman and the engineer at the Garden City Brewing Company's office this morning before daylight and blew open the safe, securing \$2000 and a lot of valuable papers. An hour later the two employers were discovered and released. Eight holdups by desperate men occurred in different parts of the city during the night.

IT WAS NOT EXAGGERATED

THE STORY OF AWFUL CONDITIONS IN MINING CAMP AT GOLDFIELD.

Brokers' Offices at 'Frisco Besieged by Anxious Relatives of Prospectors Today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The publication of the story of terrible conditions at Goldfield, Nev., created a sensation. The brokers' offices here are being besieged by investors and relatives of persons located at Goldfield, all in quest of information regarding the situation at the camp. A number of men arrived here from Goldfield today and confirm the story in detail. They say that many miners contemplate coming out for the winter. They lay particular stress on the overcrowded conditions of the camp. Among those who returned today was Fitzgerald Murphy, the playwright, who declares the conditions have not been exaggerated.

FED CHILDREN TO DEATH.

Seattle Man Says His Wife Caused Three to Die.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Charles W. Armstrong, in support of his application for a divorce, testified that his wife had caused the death of his three children by overfeeding and by drugging them with soothing syrups and patent preparations designed to induce sleep.

His wife, he said, was a woman of social habits, who preferred to stay out evenings rather than attend to the children. So that they would sleep during her absence, she dosed them liberally with drugs. During the day each one of them cried it was fed until it fell into a stupor from the excessive eating. That this was the cause of the children's death, the husband was told by the attending physician. The court granted the divorce.

COLORADO DEMS MAKE A MOVE

They Ask that All Denver Ballot Boxes Be Opened.

WANT A FULL INVESTIGATION

Attorneys for Governor-elect Alva Adams Made the Motion in Supreme Court Today.

DENVER, Dec. 28.—Attorneys for Governor-elect Adams today petitioned the supreme court to open the 204 ballot boxes in Denver or to appoint a commission for this purpose. The court will consider the motion this afternoon.

SOUND LUMBER FOR CANAL.

The Panama Commission Awards Contract to Frisco Firm.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Panama canal commission has awarded the contract for 3,207,000 feet of lumber to be delivered on the isthmus to J. J. Moore & Company of San Francisco. The price is \$63,181.42. The entire supply will come from Puget Sound.

EXPLOSION IN A MINE.

Several Workmen Are Believed to Have Been Killed.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 27.—An explosion at 10 o'clock this morning at furnace "J" of the Edgar Thompson blast furnaces at Braddock is believed to have resulted in the death of several workmen. Five physicians were summoned from this city.

BIG FIRE AT CHESTER.

Heart of the Business Section in Peril.

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 28.—The heart of the business section is menaced by fire which at 3:30 attacked six buildings. Aid has been summoned from Wilmington, Delaware.

M'BRIDE MAY BE IN RACE

FORCES PREPARE FOR HIS CAMPAIGN WHICH IS TO BE BITTERLY FOUGHT.

Commission Supporters Have Secured Quarters at Olympia and Will Conduct Strong Fight.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 28.—Parties said to be acting on behalf of Governor McBride and state politicians associated with him in a railway commission fight have secured the lease during the legislative session of a number of rooms in the McKinley block, formerly used as a temporary home of the state office.

It is reported the rooms are to be used as headquarters for the commission forces during the legislature, and that prior to the opening of the legislature the name of McBride will be announced as a candidate for United States senator. It is also known that the McBride forces have rented a large residence close in where legislators and their families will entertain.

Although the McBride forces will be in the minority in the legislature, yet in the contest in the senatorial fight and on the passage of many important bills connected therewith will be so close that the balance of power might be held by them at times when the advantage to McBride and his friends might be considerable.

GOES CRAZY IN CAR.

W. M. Emmel, of Portland, Assaults Other Passengers.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 28.—Leaping from his seat in an electric car while between Oregon City and Milwaukie Wesley M. Emmel showed the other passengers that he had become violently insane. For the next few minutes the interior of the car was the scene of a lively turmoil, with Emmel as the storm-center. He shouted and

screamed until the women passengers were frantic. He hurled aside the first man who attempted to restrain him and attacked another with his clenched fists.

Emmel moved about the car with such rapidity that he was able to dodge the men who were trying to capture him before he did serious injury to himself or others. Much of Emmel's ravings seemed to be inspired by religious frenzy. Since then it has been learned that religious excitement and constant brooding were the causes of his mental derangement.

After an exciting fight of several minutes Emmel was overpowered and thrown to the floor of the car. It required six men to keep him in subjection until the car reached Oregon City and the insane man could be turned over to the authorities. He will probably be seen committed to the asylum.

MURDER MYSTERY DEEPENS.

New York Chemical Company Don't Know Mrs. Bounton.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 28.—The police received a telegram today from the Dr. Pray Chemical company of New York, saying that they had no agent on the road named Mrs. Bessie Bounton, who is supposed to have been the woman murdered on Cutler mountain. This gives quite a setback to the investigation that it was believed would lead to the arrest of Milton Franklin on the charge of murdering the woman.

TWO SHIPS ARE AGROUND

BRITISH STEAMER IN FIRE ISLAND, AMERICAN VESSEL OFF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Crews of Both Ships Will Almost Certainly Perish as Rescue Is Impossible.

PATCHOGUE, L. I., Dec. 28.—The situation of the British steamer Drummelier ashore on Fire Island beach, is extremely critical this morning. Unless the wind and sea settle before night, her destruction seems almost certain. So far life savers have been unable to rescue the captain and crew of 32 men. The sea is too heavy to permit the use of life boats.

Another Crew in Peril.

NOFOLK, Va., Dec. 28.—A large steamer, name unknown, is aground on Diamond shoals, eight miles off the North Carolina coast and is fast going to pieces. It is believed the crew numbers 25. No assistance can be rendered.

NEEDLES STILL HAVING TROUBLE.

Divorced Wife Refuses Children to See Their Father.

George M. Needles and his divorced wife, who formerly resided in Walla Walla and are well known in this city, are still having their domestic troubles aired in the courts. This time it is in Tacoma. When Mrs. Lizzie D. Needles was granted a divorce from George M. Needles in the superior court in Tacoma last June, the mother was awarded the custody of the two little girls, with the proviso that the father should have the privilege of visiting the children on the first and third Sundays of the month, in the day time, and on the second and fourth Saturday in the evening. Now Needles alleges his divorced wife refuses to obey the order of the court to allow him to see his children. He says the mother declines to disclose their whereabouts and intends to remove the children out of the jurisdiction of the court.

Needles charges his former wife with improper conduct, rendering her an unfit person to have the care of the children, and he asks that the custody of them be given to him.

Judge Huston at Tacoma has made an order directing Mrs. Needles to appear in court with the children January 6, to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Prince Fushimi Sails.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—Prince Sadanura Fushimi, who came to this country a month ago as the special envoy of the Emperor of Japan, sailed for home today on the Pacific Mail steamer Mongolia. The prince takes home with him more than 100 trunks, which are largely filled with the fruits of his shopping expeditions in New York, Chicago and other cities which he visited.

Russell Colgrove Is Dead.

PEKING, Dec. 28.—Russell Colgrove, formerly American vice-consul at Canton, is dead.

MOORS ARE IN AN UGLY MOOD

French Peace Mission Fails to Effect a Settlement.

FOREIGN RESIDENTS ARE IN DANGER

The Villa of a British Subject Is Pillaged and a Spanish Servant Is Murdered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The French mission to Morocco has failed, according to a dispatch to the state department from the United States consul at Tangier. In case of personal danger the consul has been directed to inform American residents without delay.

British Subject Outraged.

TANGIER, Dec. 28.—A party of Moore looted a garden belonging to a British subject just outside of town, killing the Spanish servant of the Englishman.

BAIL FOR NAN PATTERSON.

West Virginia Men Will Put Up the Money.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Nan Patterson was in good spirits today. She received a telegram announcing that four Wheeling, West Virginia, men were prepared to furnish bail for her in an amount up to \$50,000.

The Report Confirmed.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 28.—F. Davonye, one of the wealthiest men in this city, confirmed the report today that he, H. J. Brice and Edward Stack would furnish Nan Patterson a bond to the extent of \$50,000 if necessary because they believed the girl innocent. C. W. Swisher, secretary of state, asserts that the use of his name in this connection is unauthorized.

OFF FOR PHILIPPINES.

Ordnance Sergeant Roecker Detailed for Duty on the Islands.

Ordered to the Philippines for duty after 14 years of active service at Fort Walla Walla, Ordnance Sergeant Frederick Roecker left for San Francisco last night to take the transport Thomas, which sails for the Orient next Sunday. Sergeant Roecker is relieved by Ordnance Sergeant Fitzgerald of the Arizona department, who served as first sergeant in the Fourth Cavalry under Captain Allan Smith at Fort Walla Walla.

At a meeting of Integrity lodge No. 4, A. O. U. W. and the Degree of Honor Monday evening Sergeant Roecker was presented with a handsome gold headed cane and a ring emblematic of the order, as a token of esteem in which the members of the two lodges held him. Sergeant Roecker's family will remain in Walla Walla, having taken a residence on Poplar street.

BEAR SIX PER CENT.

Bonds for Street Paving Call for That Amount.

The bonds issued in payment for the paving of the business streets of Walla Walla with asphalt bear six per cent interest instead of seven per cent as was stated in the Evening Statesman last night.

Advertising Chat

If you want to secure the patronage of the general public the way to get it is to go and ask for it. But no merchant has the time to go out and see daily each of his customers. Therefore the best plan for him to follow to reach the majority of the worthwhile people of Walla Walla is to use the advertising columns of The Evening Statesman. It goes into the homes of the city regularly every night. If you have anything to sell give its columns a trial.

Advertising pays best when it is intelligent. A few old timers may stick to programmes, town and county historical reviews, cook books, barn doors, etc., but the modern business man passes this kind of advertising up with a smile.