

The Weather.

Fair and continued cold tonight and Sunday. Five below tonight. Temperature at 7 a. m. 9 below at 3:30 p. m. J. M. SHERIDAN, Observer.

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All the Time.
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END OF ANOTHER YEAR WILL SEE RUSSIA IN ASCENDANT

Czar Issues Rescript Intended to Cheer Men at Front.

COMMENTS BRAVERY

Arrival of Gen. Stoessel, a Prisoner, in Japan Impressive Event.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—Emperor Nicholas has addressed the following rescript to the army and navy: "Port Arthur has passed into the hands of the enemy. During 11 months a fight had been going on in its defense. More than seven months its noble defenders had been cut off from the rest of the world. Without any positive assurance of relief, they continued to fight and did everything in their power to check the progress of the enemy, sparing neither life nor their heart's blood to uphold the honor of the Russian people."

World Astounded.
"Russia with pride and admiration followed each move in the contest. The whole world was astounded at their gallantry, but daily their ranks were thinned, their powers of resistance diminished and, under repeated attacks by the enemy, they were compelled to give way."

Memory Honored.
"Peace, honor and undying memory will be the portion of you Russians who have fallen in defense of Port Arthur. Far from home, you have laid your bodies upon alien soil in sacrifice to the dictates of your own honor and demands of your emperor."

"Peace, and honor be your portion. Always will you be so held in our hearts and memory."

"Honor to the living. May God restore you to health and strength and give patience to face this disaster with which you are confronted."

Points Disadvantages.
"My gallant troops and sailors! Do not let this sorrow dismay you. Our enemy is strong and daring. This fight against them occurs 7,000 miles from our home, but Russia is powerful. In a thousand years of its existence there has been still heavier trials, worse and more threatening dangers, but Russia even rose from the trial with renewed force and strength. Do not let our sons be troubled by lack of success and heavy losses. Russian strength grows with adversity."

"With all Russia I join in the belief that the time is coming when God will give strength to our glorious army and navy to arise and break the forces of the enemy."

"NICHOLAS."
The New Year's reviews by the various newspapers from Port Dalny Jan. 11 with Gen. Stoessel and others on board arrived here today. After a prolonged quarantine inspection Gov. Arakawa with the chief officials of this port proceeded on board the Kanakura at 3 in the afternoon. Gen. and Madame Stoessel, two Russian commanders of his personal staff, and seven other officers, two ladies and six orphan children were landed in three steam launches at Inasa Jetty, where they were received by a guard of 150 police and several officers of the gendarmes.

STOESSEL IN JAPAN: CEREMONIES ON HIS ARRIVAL ARE SAD

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Wore His Sword.
The Russian general was attired in a grey military overcoat and wore his sword. He looked well and walked with a steady step. Preceded by a few police officers and followed by his retinue Stoessel slowly wended his way up the hill to the prettily situated bungalow on Inasa hill where he will be quartered. Half way there were some dozens of Russian officers finding that their late chief was arriving

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FOUR KILLED IN KENTUCKY FEUD BATTLE

Whitesburg, Ky., Jan. 14.—At Holman, this county, feud factions led respectively by W. Roark and Henry Holcomb, met and those two and Joseph Holcomb were killed and Buford Roark mortally wounded. The trouble originated in the murder of one of the Roarks years ago, a Holcomb being suspected.

OVERRULE COURTS

United States Takes Exception to Finding of Haytian Tribunal.

AMERICAN WAS SENTENCED

Word Sent Verdict Must Be Annulled or Trouble May Follow.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Jan. 14.—Mr. Powell, the American minister, has informed the government of Hayti that the United States refuses to recognize the validity of the sentence in contumacy to 15 years at hard labor pronounced by the Haytian court against Jaeger Huber, an American citizen, for alleged complicity in bond frauds charged against the administration of former President Simon Sam and officers of the Bank of Hayti. The United States demands the annulment of the sentence under pain of energetic intervention. The demand has caused much excitement here.

Administration Overthrown.
The alleged fraud was in connection with a plan of the Sam administration for consolidating the debt of the republic by issuing bonds. Before the refunding scheme was consummated the administration of President Sam was overthrown, and President Nord caused the arrest of members of the Sam cabinet, officers of the Bank of Hayti, and others, on charges of conspiracy and the fraudulent issue of from \$200,000 to \$500,000 of bonds. When the trial began Nov. 28, 1904, there were only 13 of the defendants present, the others having fled the country.

A HOSPITAL IS DAMAGED

Patients Not Endangered in Fire at Montreal—Loss \$150,000.

Montreal, Jan. 14.—Fire broke out early to death in the kitchen of the Royal Victoria hospital but the firemen confined the flames to the center of the building. The damage is estimated at \$150,000. There is no necessity for the removal of any of the patients.

WOULD GO OUTSIDE ARMY AND NAVY TO BUILD CANAL

President Sends Special Message to Congress Asking Authority to Make Changes in Isthmian Plans—Taft's First Annual Report.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—President Roosevelt in a special message to congress asks for notable changes in the law governing the construction of the Panama canal.

The president says the present law requiring the canal to be built only by a board of seven members is clumsy and inefficient. He wants a commission of five, or preferably three members, and wants authority to go outside the engineering corps of the army and navy to secure them.

After the commission of five or three has decided upon the general plans he proposes to place the work of executing them in the hands of an engineer in charge.

Text of the Message.
The president's message is as follows:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives: I transmit herewith the report of the isthmian canal commission, accompanied by a letter of the secretary of war, under whose supervision I have by executive order placed the work of the commission. I concur with the secretary of war in the view that the present provision of law, by which the work of building the canal has to be done only through a body of seven members, is inefficient and clumsy, and I earnestly recommend a change so that the president, who is charged with the responsibility of building the canal, may exercise greater discretion in the organization of the personnel through whom he is to discharge this duty."

"Actual experience has convinced me that it will be impossible to obtain the best and most effective service under the limitations prescribed by law. The general plans for the work must be agreed upon with the aid of the best engineers of the country, who should act as an advisory or consulting body."

One Engineer in Charge.
"The consulting engineers should

CLASH BETWEEN TWO RIVAL BANDS SEARCHING FOR PIRATES' TREASURE

Lord Fitzwilliams' Forces Worsted by That of Harold Gray, and Former Appeals to Costa Rica for Aid.

Panama, Jan. 14.—From Costa Rica comes news of an encounter between rival bands of treasure hunters on Cocos Island, where the traditional pirates' board of \$100,000,000 is said to be buried.

Fitzwilliams Worsted.
The expedition under Lord Fitzwilliams was defeated by men under the command of Harold W. S. Gray. Fitzwilliams and party reached the island

on the yacht Varonque, to find it had been preceded by the Gray expedition on the yacht Rosemarie. The latter party claims to have the Costa Rican concession to search for the treasure. The fight is said to have followed and Fitzwilliams' party was beaten off.

Sends Gunboat.
The Costa Rican government has sent a gunboat to preserve order on the island. Fitzwilliams and Gray are both residents of London.

MAN WHO ATTEMPTED TWO DYNAMITE OUTRAGES BELIEVED TO BE CAPTURED

STRANGER ARRESTED AT PHILADELPHIA WITH INFERNAL MACHINE RESEMBLES PERSON WHO PLACED BOMB ON STATUE OF FREDERICK THE GREAT AT WASHINGTON.

New York, Jan. 14.—Inspector McCluskey said today that the picture of Gessler Rousseau, the man arrested in Philadelphia yesterday, carrying an infernal machine, was an excellent likeness of the man wanted by the police for attempting to blow up the Cumberland in May, 1903.

Placed Bomb at Washington.

Washington, Jan. 14.—A photograph of Gessler Rousseau has been identified by three persons here as that of the man who placed the bomb on the fence

surrounding the statue of Frederick the Great.

Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—Armed with an infernal machine, a man who said he was Gessler Rousseau, of Chicago, was arrested yesterday at the home of Patrick Kelly, brother of Owen Kelly, who mysteriously disappeared Oct. 25. Rousseau called on Patrick Kelly and said that he knew Owen was in New York and offered to take Patrick to him for \$500. Rousseau said he was a member of a Fenian society and had in his possession a machine that would enable him to blow up British warships and merchantmen.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF LETTER CARRIERS TO BE INQUIRED INTO

Washington, Jan. 14.—The house today adopted a resolution of inquiry relative to the political activity on the part of letter carriers introduced by Hearst. It calls upon the president and postmaster general for information.

The house then took up the consideration of private pension bills.

President Nominates.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The president today sent to the senate the following nominations:

Commissioner of pensions—Vespasian Warner, Illinois.

Associate justice of the supreme court in the Philippine islands—Charles A. Willard, Minnesota.

Kind of Law Wanted.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—Samuel

Spencer yesterday told the house committee on interstate commerce what kind of a law the railroads wanted. It included the following features:

First—That river and lake freight steamers, fast freight lines, and private car lines all be brought under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission.

Second—That railroads be relieved of the necessity of maintaining uniform rates.

Third—That traffic agreements should be presented in writing.

Fourth—That railroads should be "permitted to cooperate with each other in the way of making a reasonable agreement among themselves."

MINERS MAKE READY FOR FIGHT TWO YEARS HENCE

DIVORCEES MAY NOT REMARRY IN CYCLONE STATE

Kansas City, Jan. 14.—Every Episcopal clergyman of the diocese of Kansas City has signed an agreement not to marry any person who has been divorced for any cause, if either party to the divorce is living.

HOLD NO HEARING

Episcopal Board Decides It Has No Power to Pass on Talbot Case.

NEW LAW IS APPLICABLE

Another Presentment Expected to Obviate Defects of Present One.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 14.—An important chapter in the famous Irwin-Talbot church controversy passed into history yesterday when more than a quorum of the board of inquiry appointed to probe into the charges against Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, bishop of central Pennsylvania, met in this city and finally decided, after a conference of five hours, that the committee was unconstitutionally constituted and could not enter into the merits of the case that has agitated the church for several years.

Expect New Presentment.

The board simply found itself powerless under the existing canon, which went into effect Jan. 1 last, to proceed to a consideration of the charges against him, and illegally constituted as to the deputies appointed from New York. Some of the members intimated that they expected another presentment to be drawn up that would be in strict observance of the new canons, and would also contain charges other than those based on the Upjohn letter.

The staying off of any action that might have been construed as unfavorable to Bishop Talbot is due to the efforts of Francis Lynde Stetson of New York and Rev. Edgar A. Enos of the diocese of Albany. Mr. Stetson is an attorney close to J. Pierpont Morgan, and is one of the most prominent ecclesiastical lawyers in the country.

Entire Case Reviewed.

It was learned that the board went over the entire situation, starting with the troubles in Huntingdon and coming down to the famous Upjohn letter written by Bishop Talbot and on which the charges against him were based.

Much interest was aroused by the publication of the letter from Rev. Dr. Irvine to the board. None of the members saw the letter until they read it in the newspapers. None of the men who are charged by Dr. Irvine with being prejudiced against him would discuss his letter for publication. Their friends, however, declare the attack upon them to be entirely unjustifiable.

Not Ended, Says Irvine.

Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—When Dr. Irvine was informed that the board of inquiry had decided that it did not have canonical authority to take up his charges against Bishop Talbot, he said that the action of the board did not end the fight. What the presenters would do he said he was not prepared to say. His friends, he added, would meet in a few days to decide what course to pursue.

BRISTOW QUILTS THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT

Appointed Special Commissioner to Investigate Trade Conditions East and West.

Washington, Jan. 14.—After an extended conference late yesterday between President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Taft, Joseph I. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, and Senator Long of Kansas, the announcement was made that Mr. Bristow had tendered the president his resignation as an officer of the postal service and immediately following had been designated by the president as a special commissioner to make an investigation into the present trade conditions and freight rates between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and between the west coast of South America and the east coast of the United States and Europe to determine the best policy of managing the Panama railroad.

Earl of Cairns Expires.

Cairns, Jan. 14.—The Earl of Cairns was found dead in bed at the Union club here today. Heart disease.

**The National Convention
Opens Monday at
Indianapolis.**

GET ON A WAR FOOTING

**Will Provide Large Fund and
Strengthen the Organization.**

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 14.—Miners of bituminous and anthracite coal are arranging for their national convention which will begin Monday. On account of the two-year agreement, no joint meeting with the operators will be held this year to fix a scale.

Prepare For New Struggle.

It is anticipated that precautionary preparations for another great struggle between the anthracite coal operators and the union mine workers will be laid. The convention will devote part of its time to planning for a war footing for the organization so that it will be able to meet and make demands of the anthracite operators on April 1, 1906.

Miners' Demands.

The miners want:

Recognition of the union.

A joint contract, such as is existing in the principal bituminous districts, covering at least a year.

The adoption of the check day off system by the anthracite companies, by which they as the bituminous operators now do, are able to collect union dues at the mines.

Will Gather a Fund.

Plans to put the organization on a war footing provide for a full \$1,000,000 treasury fund, a thorough organization in the anthracite districts and the pitting of the bituminous operators against the anthracite operators.

**MORGAN REPORTED TO
PLAN AID FOR CATHOLICS**

Cardinal Gibbons Hopes Rumor of Loan of \$1,000,000 to University is True, But Knows Nothing.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 14.—Cardinal Gibbons was asked last evening as to the truth of the report that J. Pierpont Morgan had offered to assist the Catholic university by advancing a loan of \$1,000,000 or by making a purchase of the Woodley property, the title to which was claimed by the university under a deed of trust executed to Thomas E. Waggaman. The cardinal said:

"I have heard the rumor and I hope it may prove to be true, but beyond that I do not know anything of the matter. I had the pleasure of dining with Mr. Morgan a few days ago, but he made no reference to the affairs of the university."

The story is strongly affirmed in Washington that Morgan will come to the aid of the university, although the accounts differ as to the means he will adopt to do so.

LOOMIS LEAVES THE BANK

Resigns From National City as Result of Stock Washing Scandal.

New York, Jan. 14.—As a result of the Montreal and Boston Copper stock washing scandal Archibald G. Loomis, vice president of the National City bank, has tendered his resignation of that post and as a director of the bank to his fellow-directors. It is understood his resignation will be accepted at a meeting of the directors next Tuesday.

COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE

Combined Capital of Freeport Concern is \$200,000.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 14.—The Black Hawk Insurance company and the German Insurance company, both located at Freeport, have filed a certificate of consolidation, under the name of the German Insurance company of Freeport, with a capital stock of \$200,000.

NEUTRALITY IS IN DANGER

Dutch Send Admiral to Command West Indian Squadron.

The Hague, Jan. 14.—Rear Admiral Inchevalle is starting hurriedly for the Dutch East Indies to take command of the squadron there charged with the maintenance of Dutch neutrality.

With the Banks.

New York, Jan. 14.—Weekly bank statement: Loans decreased \$5,450,000; deposits increased \$9,951,500; reserve increased \$15,248,900; surplus increased \$12,851,025; ex. U. S. deposits increased \$12,785,800.