The stores in Mukden are well stock

grain from northern granaries, weather continues clear and cold.

FOOD AND FUEL ARE SCARCE.

Japanese Are Paying Treble Prices

Artillery Drives to Shelter.

HUANGSHAN, Dec. 18 -A correspond

ent who went over all the front positions

of the Russian army from Poutiloff (Lone Tree) Hill to Erdagou on December 15

reports everything quiet, except that midway between Poutlloff Hill and Sinmintin the Japanese were observed trying to extend their frontal works and entreuchments on Double Hump Hill. The artillery of Poutlloff Hill and Erdagou proposed work the Japanese and forced

opened upon the Japanese and forced them to quit work and seek shelter. There have been few cases of frost-bite by the low temperatures. The postal service is working badly.

and many letters and papers are delayed or lost. The field telegraph system, how-ever, is maintaining an excellent service.

Revenge of Russian Officer.

CHINSIAMATUN, Dec. 18.—The night of December 18 a Russian officer and two scouts concealed themselves in tombs

along the Shakhe River, from whence the Japanese were in the habit of firing upon Russian soldiers going to the river

for water. The Japanese began to show

themselves at daylight, when the Russians in concealment killed six of them

and retired, carrying off five rifles.

The Japanese tried to surround them, but falled, the retirement of the Russians

being covered by the fire from the Russian positions.

Treasury Loan Condemned.

passed a resolution condemning Treasury loan of \$3,000,000 to the (

ly to affect the position of the Cabinet.

NO TIME TO SQUABBLE.

Russian Admiral Says Officers Should

to those naval officers who have been en

Admiral Birileff expresses the affirm

tive opinion on this point, declaring that

beyond question the Japanese ships have suffered severely, as evidenced by the fact

that the Japanese have ordered 108 armor

plates, 14 for the battleship Mikasa alone

Nevertheless, he considers it to be abso-

lutely vital to prepare a third squadron

should it prove necessary to support or

The Admiral says every day's delay is a misdemeanor, and every week's delay

crime. The husiness of naval officers

their pens till the war is over and attend

to business. There is no time now to try to locate the blame for the fact that Rus-

still on our shoulders, it is due to the

forbearance of my long-suffering Em-

Indicates That Askold Remains.

Gramtichkoff, wife of the Commander of

the Russian cruiser Askold, now lying

disarmed in the harbor of Shanghal, to

from Port Arthur on August 10, will leave

soon for Shanghal, accompanied by the flancee of one of the Askold's officers, who

Bustle Over Third Squadron.

being stripped and their machinery over

Boris Given Gold Sword.

Captain has been gazetted. The Grand Duke has also been presented with a

PLATT LOOKING FOR ODELL.

Wants to Talk Over Question of

Junior Senatorship.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Senator Thomas C. Platt arrived late today and

gins, will come to the city in the course

James P. Sanders.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.-James P. San

ders, believed to be the oldest past grand master of the Order of Oddfal-

lows in this country, was asphyxiated by gas in his home in Yonkers today.

Caught Cold While Hunting a Burglar.

of the week to meet Mr. Platt,

aged \$6 years.

otton of Grand Duke Boris to be Se

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.-The pro-

will be married there.

Askold leaving Shanghai.

golden sword for bravery.

sia's navy was no better prepared

replace the second squadron.

for Chinese Labor.

no change in the situation.

been cut off.

USE COLD STEEL

Desperate Fighting Before Port Arthur.

BATTLE OF FIFTEEN DAYS

Japanese Charge Over Masses of Their Own Dead.

STOESSEL TELLS HIS STORY

Awful Slaughter Accomplished With Russian Shrapnel and in Hand-to-Hand Conflicts in Trenches on 203-Meter Hill.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.-General Stoessel's disputches to the Emperor, which were received Friday night, were given out today. The first is dated Noember 25, and is as follows:

I am happy to inform your majesty that on November 20, after an increased hombardment, the Japanese attacked one of the forts on the northeastern front and leaped with a portion of the forces on the parapet. They were annihilated by rifle fire and bayonet and thrown back into the trenches. Their reserves were scattered by shrapnel.

'From November 21 to November 25 the enemy violently bombarded the fort, and, in spite of great losses, effected by their perseverance a passage between two forts on the northeastern front.

"At 5:20 o'clock on the evening of November 25, after heavy firing, the Japanese suddenly huried themselves against several works on this front and seized a portion of the trenches, but they were brown back by the reserves after a

fierce bayonet struggle. Slaughtered by the Bayonet.

They returned to the assault at midnight and again occupied a part of the trenches, but were annihilated by our hayonets. At 2 o'clock in the morning all was over and your majesty's heroic troops were able to rest and started repairing the damage caused by the bombardment.

From the 20th to the 24th the Japanese lost more than 2000 men. All of our troops behaved as heroes. The following especially distinguished themselves: General Kongdratenko, Nikitin (commander the artiflery) and Gorbatowsky and Lieutenant-Colonel Naoumenko. (A dozen other officers in lower grades are mentioned in the dispatch.)

"Bombardment of the town and barbor continues daily. A sumber of buildings have been destroyed and the harbor has sustained some damage. The garrisons are in excellent spirits.

Bloodlest Days of Assault. In other dispatches, dated November

28. General Stocasel says: The Mil and 27th were the bloodiest days in the assaults on Port Arthur. The attanks began on the night of the 25th against our left flank near Pigeon Bay. The first was repulsed with great loss same night the enemy attacked a detachment on Panlung Mountain, but were repulsed, as also was their attack on Visokaia (200-

"On the 28th the Japanese began to bombard and attack flercely the forts on the north front and advanced trenches The trenches repentedly changed hands. Nevertheless, on the night of the 26th we threw back the Japanese at the point of the bayonet. The enemy succeeded in blowing up the parapet of one of the forts and began building parallels there. At another fort on the same night they laid sacks along the rampart, but our artillery dispersed them.

Leave Heaps of Slain.

"Toward 16 o'clock in the evening the Japanese attacked a battery on our left flank in considerable strength, and at first obtained possession of a portion of the works, but our heroes brought bay onets into use and the Japanese retired, leaving a heap of their men. Along the whole front the Japanese reopened a violent fire against the interior of the fortress, keeping it up until 5 o'clock in the morning of November 27.

"The help which God sent us on th birthday of our mother, the Czarina, gave Official Reports Received at Tokio on us further victory."

The message mentions the same four officers as given in the preceding dispatch, together with several others who especially distinguished themselves. A further disputch from General Stoes-

sel dated November 30 said: "Since November 27 Japanese have been carrying on a violent bombardment and

force against Visokala (303-Meter Hill). Their assaults were repulsed." December 2 General Stnessel reports as

Thought Assault Ended.

'The II days' asseult, which commenced on November 20, was definitely repulsed last night. I am happy to say that your majesty's heroic troops alone could have been capable of doing this. There has never been such a fierce assault. The following contributed principally to its repulse; General Kongdarenko, Nikitin and Gorbatowsky and Colonels framann and Erstiakoff and Lieutenant-Colonels Naoumenko and Gandourin It is, thanks to them and the heroic officers and naval sharpshooters and the ertillerymen, that Port Arthur succeeded again in resisting. The Japanese, acpording to the prisoners and Chinese,

lost at least 20,000 men. We request your prayers and those or the mother Empress, which are manifestly shielding us

"As General Aid-de-Camp to your majesty. I have expressed your majorty's thanks to the garrison."

Capture of the Hill.

December 5, General Stoessel reports: "At T o'clock A. M. the Japanese, hav-Ing concentrated all their forces, began an assault on Visokaia Hill, bombarding it simultaneously with II-inch and if-inch shells. Toward evening the Japanese suc ceeded in obtaining possession of the crest of the hill and immediately got two machine guns into position thereon "Among the wounded are General

Tsperinsky and Lieutenant-Colonel Box tonsoff, of the frontier guards. Colonel irramann performed prodigies of valor." General Stoessel's last dispatch is dated

December 16, and says: "Since the capture of Visokaia Hill our ships in the harbor have been suffering from 11-inch Japanese shells. "General Taperinsky succumbed to his

"The troops are in excellent spirits."

Russian Losses Are Heavy.

CHEFOO, Dec. 18.-(1:30 P. M.)-A Jap-mese camp-follower who saw a portion of the fighting at 263-Meter Hill, and who arrived here from Dalny today, says that Commander Mizzeneoff's description of the fighting is not exaggerated. He be-lieves, however, that the Russian losses were heavier than stated by Commander Mizzeneoff, as the Russians repeatedly brought up reinforcements until it seemed that the entire garrison must have been

in that section.

The Russian dead, he said, were indiscriminately mingled with the heaps of Japanese dead. The slope of 232-Meter Hill being very steep and smooth, the Japanese prepared for their advance by shelling the hillside. The shells in exploding hollowed out footholds. In some natances the Japanese found protection schind the heaps of their own dead.

NEWS HELD FOR THREE DAYS

Japanese Have Placed Heavy Guns

Beyond Crest of Captured Hill. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.-General Stoessel's latest dispatches from Port Arthur were published today, but as given out do not carry the story of the gar-rison's stubborn defense beyond December 10, thus leaving a gap of at least five days between the official word of the mil-itary commander and the unofficial story of Commander Mizzeneoff, which was given out at Chefoo.

It is not pretended that the dispatches are published in full. They contain much that is of strategic interest and matter which it is obviously impossible to dis-close to the public. The dispatches have been in the hands of Emperor Nicholas three days, but their contents were known to few besides His Majesty and his peronal aides. Prince Orloff and Count Hey-

den, who deciphered the dispatches.

The story of the operations, as far as it has been given out, is intensely interesting, and shows that there has been an almost uninterrupted assault of the most sperate character from November 20 to December 16, when the Japanese, after losing over 25,000 men, captured 26-Meter Hill, and were able from that position to shell the squadron in the Port Arthur roadstead. There the official account ends, but it is explained that the Jap-aness do not occupy the top of the hill, which is still exposed to a deadly fire

from the Russian artillery.

The Japanese are using a plunging fire from very heavy guns from behind the crest of the hill, but that this fire is efficiently directed is shown by the damage suffered by the Russian squadron. The Japanese are credited with using II-lnch and 16-inch mortars and howitzers. The effect of these must be most deadly when

turned upon the neighboring forts.

The public reception of General Stoessel's dispatches as a whole is not had. Every voice is loud in praise of General Stoessel's defense of Port Arthur, while teh authorities assert that the main line of the forts has not yet been broken. The Japanese so far have used every device of engineering skill in making ap-proaches, but with enormous sacrifices have been able to take only the outer line of defences

It is declared the garrison probably will be able to hold out a considerable time

the order to take out and sink the squadron in deep water was not carried out. The only explanation offered is that the crews and guns were drafted ashore, and that at the last moment it was impossible to move the ships under the heavy Jap-

DEATHTRAP KILLS JAPANESE. Hundreds of Japanese Burned Alive

Daily Telegraph's Chefoo messenger from the Japanese lines at Port Arthur, the Russians had prepared at the fort at Pahlung a most 600 yards long and 30 feet wide, which they filled with petroleum to depth of several feet, then covered it her, the Japanese storming party sank into this morass, which the Russians fired

with an electric fuse. The flerce conflagration lasted all night and day, and hundreds of Japanese were burned to death, but the second night, the trench having dried up, the Japanese advanced in small detachments, protected by large wooden shields, and engaged in a savage bayonet fight. The Japanese, the report continues, captured the posi-tion and made prisoners of 152 Russians.

DUMMY SHIPS ON GUARD.

Japanese Blockade Vessels Said to Have Gone to Singapore.

LONDON, Dec. 19 .- A report from Che foo that a portion of the Japanese fleet has left for Singapore and that a number of Japanese merchantmen have been lightly armed to maintain the blockade lightly armed to maintain inc.
of Port Arthur is published today in a
Chefoo dispatch to the Daily Telegraph.

SIX VESSELS ABANDONED.

Russian Fleet.

TOKIO, Dec. 19.—it A. M.—Official re-ports state that the Russians at Port Arthur have abandoned the battleships Peresviet, Poltava, Pobleda and Retvi-

Goes to See Port Arthur Fall.

TOKIO, Dec. 18 (8 P. M.)—Captain J. E. Kuhn, of the United States Engineer Corps, who was a military attache with General Oku's army, and who, after the fighting on the Shakhe River spent a week with the besleging army at Port Arthur, observing the operations there, has been reassigned and will witness the fall of Port Arthur. He left for the front today from the Shinbashi Station

Escape on British Steamer.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18.-It is reported that Commander Pelem and others of the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Rastorop-ny, which was blown up by her crew at Chefoo. November 16, have escaped to Vladivostok on the British steamer Ni-gretis. It is said that the Japanese will attempt to effect their capture

Generals Given Their Commands. MUKDEN, Dec. 18 .- General Kuropat kin on December 17, at a parade of all the available troops, formally invested Generals Grippenberg, Linevitch and Kaulbars with the command of their re-

Lost Only Two Boats. TOK10, Dec. 13 (10 A. M.)—The Jap-anese have lost two torpedo-boats during all the operations against the battleship Sevastopol, which was reported yesterday in advices from Port Arthur to be com-

Report of Sinking Vessel. LONDON, Dec. 19.-A special dispatch from Tokio reports that the Japanese naval bembardment on Saturday sank a Russian torpedo-boat at Port Arthur.

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Pilles. They are a positive cure for sick hesdache and all the lils produced by disordered liver.

CUTDOWNINSQUADS

Bravery of Charging Japanese Is Sublime.

EIGHT MEN FALL WITH FLAG

Russian Officer on 203-Meter Hill Tells Men to Spare Life of the # Ninth to Seize the Staff.

CHEFOO. Dec. 18.—For ferocity and sustained desperation on both sides, the struggle for the possession of High Hill was probably the mose remarkable in the history of the slege of Port Arthur—a slege noted for slaughter. This statement is based on an interview which the correspondent of the Associated Press had with Commander Mizzendeoff, executive officer of the battleship Poltava up to the time that vessel was disarmed, and who, time that vessel was disarmed, and who, as already told, headed the party of seven Russians who left Port Arthur in a sall-boat December 15, and after extreme suffering while crossing in a driving snow-storm, arrived here December 15, bearing dispatches which were turned over to the Russian Consul for transmission to St. Peteraburg. These dispatches, it is understood, consist partly of a statistical report of the effect of the Japanese bom-bardments, and there is nothing in them to indicate that General Stoessel is without hope that the fortress will be able to hold out.

wounded in the leg during the battle of High Hill, said to the Associated Press Since the Japanese gan their attack on High Hill, which they cail 203-Meter Hill, the fighting has been continuous. The steep and sandy slopes

Mirrepeoff, who was

of the hill were streaked and dotted with snow when the Japanese began the battle which was destined to furnish so many desde of heroism that they became commonplace. There was so much slaughter that even Port Arthur's war-hardened veterans shuddered at the sight.

Delayed With Shot and Shell. "The Japanese were compelled to clamber up the slopes of the hill, in many cases without firing, in the face of one of the most murderous deluges ever poured from rifies and machine guns. I was there, and it seemed to me that fiesh and blood would be unable to stand our fire for a minute.

for a minute. "The enemy went down in squads and companies, but always there were others grimly coming forward. Their bravery was beyond praise, as was that of our own men. Sometimes the fighting was hand to hand, with the muzzles of rifles at the breasts of the contestants, the bayonets being used as swords. The sides of the hill were strewn with bodies, and the snow was crimsoned with the blood of the wounded, some of whom had crawled into it, seeking in its coldness surcease

for the dying agonies.

"Eventually, as in similar instances which were to follow, we retired, leaving the work of driving the enemy from the summit to the resistless guns of the neighboring forts, notably those of Liacity Menutain.

Tore Flag With His Teeth.

"One incident of this assault will re-"One incident of this assault will remain forever impressed on my mind. When the Japanese standard-bearer reached the summit and planted his fing a signatic Russian Corpordi left his retreating comrades and rushing back, seized the Japanese fing, which he was intend the completion and preparation of tearing with his hands and with his teeth when he fell, pierced with several bulto the press has administered a rebuke lets.

"When the Japanese retired under an gaged in a newspaper controversy rela-artillery fire, the Russians reoccupied live to the question whether Vice-Admiral in Blazing Oil.

the summit.

"The second and third assaults were reto cope with the ships of Vice-Admiral

LONDON, Dec. 19.—According to the plicas of the first, although the second Togo without reinforcements.

was the most feroclous, being

hand-to-hand fighting, in which mercy was neither asked nor given. "A remarkable incident occurred in the third assault as the Russians, still facing the enemy, retreated. A Japanese standwith wood and straw. In the course of ard-bearer, holding his flag aloft, climbed an attack upon the fort early in Decemcolors. In his tracks another arose with the colors, only to fall instantly with a followed and met the same fate. At last, fficer exclaimed:

'Don't shoot that fellow with the fing:

Red Glare Lights Up Inferns.

"The Japanese adopted a curious ex-pedient, which assisted them greatly in the third assnult. They had prepared huge piles of wood, coal and cornstalks faces of the Russians. The resultant fire was immense, and the flames and smoke compelled the Russians to retire.

The red glare from this fire disclosed a ghastly picture more infernal than ever freamed by Dante. "The assaults thus far had cost the Japanese easily 12,000 men, while our own were under 2000. The sides of the hill

were literally covered with dead and wounded. The trenches were rivulets of blood, and every visible spot was dyed "'We might retake the hill,' said General Stoessel, 'but the hill is not of suf-

ficient importance to us to justify further sacrifice.'
"Since then numerous small engage ments have been waged, but the respon-sibility for keeping the Japanese from oc-cupying the hill in force or from mountus thereon has been left mainly to

the shrapnel fire from the other forts. Wounded Buried With the Dead. "Even the Japanese, who singly use the hill to observe the harbor, do so at great

'Following the third assault an armis tice of five hours was agreed upon to bury

this task great speed was necessary The Japanese undoubtedly made many awful mistakes, and beyond doubt heaps of bodies containing helpless wounded were shoveled in masses into the pits and renches. The Japanese could not, owing to the darkness and their feverish haste distinguish between the dead and wound

"Scarcely an officer participating in the battle of High Hill escaped unburt, and on of young officers killed

SOLDIERS IN WARM HUTS.

Plenty of Provisions and Clothing in Russian Camp.

MUKDEN, Dec. 18.—Artillery fire still continues along the front of the Russian army. It was particularly severe December 15 when the Japanese made a demonstration against the Russian advanced positions on the railway.

The Russian camps present a picturesque appearance. The sides of the esque appearance. hills and the fields around the villages are dotted with mud huts and little chimneys of dugouts, from which smoke is rising. These habitations of the common soldiers are even more com-

common soldiers are even more comfortable than the officers' quarters in Chinese houses.

The huts for the enlisted men are well-built, roomy, with small glass windows, and each is provided with a sheet-iron stove. The men have every comfort possible, including great quantities of warm clothing and heat-producing food. The transport service is working well, as the roads are hard frozen and in excellent condition. Large

Caught Cold While Hunting a Burglar.

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supplies of hay and grain are being brought from Northern Manchuria by wagon mads, several of which now ex-tend direct to the southern and eastern HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

The stores in Mukden are well stocked with every class of goods, but the
prices are extremely high. The rouble
has depreciated in value as the result
of the stoppage in the shipment of silver. The supply of certain classes of
Chinese merchandise coming through
Chinese territory to Manchuria has also
been cut off Congress Will Do no Business Until Next Month.

There are in Mukden 28,000 Chinese refugees who are being cared for by Chinese officials and missionaries. The feeding of these will become a problem unless the Chinese are allowed to bring HOUSE WRANGLE OVER BALL

Inauguration Function May Be Held lowest temperature yet reached is 10 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. In the Capitol Building as a Compromise of Divided Opinions of Representatives.

GENERAL OKU'S HEADQUARTERS. Dec. 18 (Noon), via Fusan,—There is a probability of a serious shortage of food and fusi among the Chinese this Winter. Wood is 180 a ton. The prices of Chinese food has been trebied, and the end of the WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Senate will adjourn on Wednesday for the Christ-mas holidays, and no business will be atmas nondays, and no business will be attempted previous to that time. A large
number of the Senators already have left
for their homes to spend the holidays,
and there is an understanding that immediately after being called to order on Monday the Senate will adjourn until Wednesduy and that Wednesday's proceedings
will be confined to mere formalities.

Soon after the Senate reconvenes in
January, the committee on appropriations supply is in sight. The Japanese are paying treble prices for Chinese labor and are also paying the market prices for all fuel and other supplies purchased.

The cold weather continues. There is January, the committee on appropriations will report the legislative appropriation bill. It will be the policy of the Senate

to take it up as soon as possible and to have other supply measures follow speed-

Deadlock on Inaugural Bail. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The exodus of numbers of the House from the city since the adjournment Friday Indicates that the wer branch of Congress will be withou quorum when it meets tomorrow. Should this be the case, and should any member make the point on the floor of the cham-ber, the only thing that can be done is to adjourn from day to day until Wednes-day, when the Christmas holiday recess until January 4 begins.

The question of where the inaugural ball shall be held is the only matter of legislation in sight in the House for the week. This will come up under suspen-sion of the rules, on a motion from Rep-resentative Morrell, of Pennsylvania. The Senate has proposed the Pension Office and the House the Congressional Library. There are indications that a deadleck will be reached on the matter and that when it is discussed again the Capitol building will be proposed as a compro-

NEW RULES FOR STEAMBOATS

Result of the General Slocum Disaster Investigation.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-A number of mportant changes in the rules and regu-TOKIO, Dec. 19.-The lower house has lations of the Board of Supervising In-spectors of the steamboat inspection service have been approved by Secretary Met-calf, of the Department of Commerce and Labor. These changes are the result of Bank, which was threatened with bankruptcy. The resolution went through, despite the explanation by Minister of recent protracted meetings of the Board of Supervising Inspectors of the service, Finance Count Katsura that the Treasury had acted at the instance of leading bankers in Osaka, and in consideration of which followed soon after the General Slocum disaster at New York, at which nearly 1000 lives were lost. the injurious impression which might have been produced by a monetary panic in time of war the resolution is not like-

The changes require, among other things, that metal airtanks in wooden lifeboats be provided; prohibit the use of loose or compressed granulated cork in the manu-facture of liferafts or life preservers or the use of Kapok life preservers. Life preservers must be suspended on wooden preservers must be said or or or wire, and saids or cotton cords, and not on wire, and at a height of not more than seven feet from the deck, and there must be one life preserver for every passenger and mem-ber of the crew on all vessels. All pas-senger steamers must be provided with fire buckets, barrels and axes, instead of on inland steamers only, as before. The regulations require that steam fre-pumps shall be capable of throwing an

effective stream of water for a distance of not less than 50 feet through at least two fire connections each, on the deck and each deck above the main deck. On excursion steamers the rules call for one additional watchman for every 200 persons carried and two deckhands for very 250 persons.

Ferryboats engaged in excursions must carry same officers, crew and equipment as required for excursion steamers.

WELCOMED AS A HERO.

Marcol Habert Given Warm Recep-

tion in Paris After Banis'ment. PARIS, Dec. 18.—The National leader, Marcol Habert, whose five years' banishment for participation in a plot to overthrow the government expired at midnight Saturday, was welcomed "As a matter of fact," Admiral Birileff says, "we are guilty. If our heads are at the Orleans station here today by a crowd of several thousand persons. This evening there was a great meeting at St. Paul's Riding School, where the League of Patriots.

The meeting resulted in a vigorous campaign for Paul de Roulede and other exiles. Colonel Marchand has ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.-Madame

other exiles. Colonel Marchand has definitely declined to be a candidate for the Chamber of Deputies.

Celebration at St. Peter's. ROME, Dec. 18.-St. Peters was es-ecially decorated for the formal an-This is regarded as a good indication that there is no immediate prospect of the councement this morning of the beatification of Gaspare del Bufalo, founder of the Congregation of the Precious

Blood and canon of San Marco under Plus VIII. This afternoon Pope Pius X, accom-LIBAU, Dec. 18 -- Work is being hurried upon the vessels of the prospective third Pacific squadron. All of the ships are and all the bishops and dignitaries of the church at present in Rome, went to venerate the blessed Bufalo, Over 30 hauled, in preparation for a long voyage. At present there is a shortage of work-596 persons crowded the Basilica. Pope Pius, instead of walking to St. Peters, but this, it is expected, will soon as had been arranged, went in the Sedia. He was unable today to walk because of gout, with which he has suffered so much the last few days that he was obliged to sit during the occur-

THE DAY'S DEATH ROLL.

Rev. L. H. Trowbridge. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.-Rev. L. H. Trowbridge, of Detroit, for 32 years edito and proprietor of the Christian Herald of that city, died in Los Angeles today. came to Los Angeles a month ago for the sake of his health.

Marcus D. Grover.

it is said, will try to arrange a meeting with Governor Odell at which it is ex-pected the question of the junior Sena-ST. PAUL, Dec. 18 .- Marcus D. Grover, general counsel of the Great Northern Railway, died at his home in this city torship will come up. It also is an-nounced that a number of other state leaders, including Governor-elect Higtoday after an illness of two weeks, aged & years. Mr. Grover drew up the articles of incorporation of the Northern Securities Company, which was designed to take over the control of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Raliways.

Says It Is Unconstitutional.

OMAHA, Dec. 18.—Frank H. Cunning-ham, president of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, recently re-moved from his position as a rural carrier, issued a statement today, in which he deciares that the recent order of President Roosevelt forbidding Government employes to solicit increase in their pay is in violation of the Constituti

Macedonian Situation Aggravated. LONDON, Dec. 19 .- There is reason to believe, according to the correspondent at Sofia of the Times, that marked aggravation in the situation in Mace-donia is seriously occupying the atten-tion of the powers. The warfare of

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Bulgarian and Greek bands, the correspondent reports, continues, and there have been several fights recently, while the Porte has done nothing in the direction of the repatriation of Bulgarian refugees in the Adrianople

Strategem of a Hungry Artist. Leslie's Weekly. It is related of the late Mr. Whistler hat he went one day with an artist in Paris who was not overbundened with this world's goods and was surprised at the sumptuous lunch provided. On asking him how he managed to live so well, his host replied: "I have a pet monkey, which I let down from my window by a rope into that of my landlady and trust to Providence. Sometimes Jacko returns with a loaf, sometimes with a ham. His visits are full of surprises—one never

Lord Aylmer Made Inspector. LONDON, Dec. 18 .- Colonel Lord ylmer has been appointed Inspector-

General of the Canadian forces. AT THE HOTELS.

THE PORTLAND.

G N Meisner, St Louis H H Stutts and wife M Domohue, S F San Francisce H K Brown, S F A Allen, Tacoma S H Friendly, Eugene J M Gilbert, N T J N Flood, Denver G E Bent, Seattle A M Drake, Bend J A Sheffield, Vancys A M Drake, Bend
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