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Rush at Baltic Shipyard.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—Admiral Blunt is quoted in an interview as saying that all the shipyards in the Baltic are working day and night and that the third squadron will go out in two weeks.

ENEMY IS SURPRISED.

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SHIELDS FOR MACHINE GUNS.

Device Prepared by Japanese to Advance Under Fire.

HARBIN, Dec. 25.—Chinese from the south say that the Japanese have brought 50,000 Chinese into southern Manchuria, but have difficulty in feeding them.

TOGO CALLS FOR VIGILANCE.

Fleet Congratulated for Service at Port Arthur.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN. LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Times Tokyo correspondent telegraphs today that Admiral Togo, in his order releasing a section of the blocking squadron which has patrolled the sea approaches to Port Arthur...

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RUSSIANS WASTE THEIR AMMUNITION.

GENERAL KUROKI'S HEADQUARTERS, in the field, Dec. 25, via Fusan.—The usual Russian artillery fire against the Japanese left again this morning. The Japanese left again this morning. The usual Russian artillery fire against the Japanese left again this morning.

Heavy Loss to the Japanese.

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Ordered Never to Retreat.

MUKDEN, Dec. 25.—General Kuroki, addressing the troops, said today: "You must never allow yourselves to retreat. Even in the case of the smallest detachment having once formed a plan, it must be carried out to the end."

Advanced Positions Taken.

TOKIO, Dec. 25 (3 P. M.)—The Port Arthur besiegers occupied Taluchitau Saturday. It is officially announced that the whole of the Russian advanced positions in front of the Japanese right have fallen.

No News at Chefoo.

CHEFOO, Dec. 25.—There was no news of the operations at Port Arthur received here, either yesterday or today.

Russian Destroyer at Algiers.

ALGIERES, Dec. 25.—The Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Prosvitlyk has arrived here.

MINISTERS SENT TO JAIL.

HAYTIAN COURT GIVES SENTENCES IN FRAUDULENT BOND CASES. PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Dec. 25.—In accordance with the verdict of the jury in the trial of the alleged fraudulent bond case, the court has pronounced judgment as follows:

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—News from Guatemala shows that there is much feeling on the part of the British residents regarding the nonpayment of the debt due to British bondholders and it is ascertained that the British Legation will be removed from Guatemala City to either Nicaragua or Salvador.

BISHOP OFF FOR SOUTH AMERICA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—Bishop T. B. Neely, who was elected a bishop at the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and assigned by the board of bishops to South America, delivered his farewell sermon at Union Methodist Episcopal Church here tonight and will sail for South America this week.

EDNA HOPPER IN COMEDY.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 25.—Edna Wallace Hopper was the star in an initial performance in straight comedy under the management of Frank McKee at Boyd's Theater here tonight, for which she has been appointed to appear as a comedienne.

Little Actress Has Abandoned Musical Roles for a Time.

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WEEPING IN CELL

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SHERIFF OFF TO ARREST HIM

Officer Is Charged to Treat Him Kindly.

SHE DECLARES HIM INNOCENT

Extradition Papers Will Be Procured in New York and Accused Forgery Accomplish Will Hear News Off Sandy Hook.

Merchant Beaten and Robbed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Beaten into insensibility by four masked robbers who entered the dry goods store of A. L. Larson and Co., early today, A. G. Krosgard, a partner in the firm, was compelled to lie with his hands and feet tied while a safe on an upper floor was blown open and \$100 in money taken.

SOLDIERS SHOT IN QUARREL.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 25.—Private Henry Hackett is fatally and Corporal Riley is seriously wounded as the result of a drunken brawl which occurred at Fort Douglas. The two men, who belong to the Twenty-ninth Infantry, quarreled in the place during the day, decided to remain in the place all night and guard the money.

COAST LIMITED IN WRECK.

TACOMA, Dec. 25.—The North Coast Limited, which left this city for the East at 8:20 o'clock, was derailed while running out of the yard tracks into the main line track across the Tacoma draw-bridge at 10:05 o'clock, after a collision with the mail and baggage car.

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Generous Sums for Charity.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Christmas day passed quietly throughout the United Kingdom. The most notable feature of the day was the large amount of charity distributed as the result of the generous sums of money collected for this purpose through the newspapers and other channels.

ELECTIONS WERE REGULAR.

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Canadian Finance Minister Not Worried Over Charges of Corruption.

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RAISED AND LOWERED AT WILL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—Captain Baldwin's airship California Arrow, driven by Roy Knabenshue, who made several successful flights in the same machine from the World's Fair grounds at St. Louis, was given its first trial in California today and was successful, with the single exception of its failure to land at the starting point. A landing was effected half a mile away without damage to the machine, and it was safely towed back to its anchorage.

Machine Runs Out of Fuel, and is Unable to Land at Starting-Place, But Comes to the Earth Unharmed.

The Arrow started from Chutes Park baseball grounds, in the southeastern part of the city, at 3:17 P. M., sailed with the wind northeastward for a distance of between eight and ten miles, thence eastward for two miles and returned in the face of a 12-mile gale to a point directly above the starting place, but owing to the supply of gasoline running short, was unable to effect a landing at exactly the desired spot. From the time the airship arose from the baseball grounds until it was safely anchored at Pico and Stanford streets it was in flight an hour and 12 minutes, and in that time sailed a distance of probably 20 miles.

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