MR. KAY IS SURE

Confident of Making Speakership.

NOT AFRAID OF MILLS

Can Only Equal Bailey, Candidate Says.

"TWENTY-NINE FOR ME"

Marion County Representative Declares Multnomah Has Changed Candidates, but Not Added to Strength in Legislature.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The action of the Multnomah delegation in the House of the Oregon Legislature in putting forth A. L. Mills as a candidate for the Speakership has not in the least disturbed the confidence of Representative Kay, of Marion County. Kay says he will win the fight, and that his prospects were never better than they now are.

"Mr. Mills is a man of ability and competent to fill the position to which he aspires," said Mr. Kay when seen tonight, "but it seems to be that he came into the race too late. I do not see how Mr. Mills can get any more votes than Mr. Bailey could, and the delegation acknowledged that Mr. Bailey did not have enough to win. Several weeks ago I had enough votes promised to elect me, and that's the reason why neither Mr. Bailey nor Mr. Mills could get the Speakership."

Mr. Kay was shown a copy of a Portland paper crediting him with 24 votes, Mills 13, Vawter seven and six doubtful, and when asked what he thought of the line-up there given, replied:

"The 24 men who are credited to me are supporters of my candidacy with the possible exception of one. I have no assurance that Representative Graham will support me, but the other 23 are not all I have. Representative Carter, of Benton County, is reported as a supporter of Vawter, but I received a letter from Mr. Carter today, telling me that I may publicly announce that he is for me. I have a similar letter from Representative West, of Tillamook, who is put in the doubtful list. Mr. West told me he would vote for me until I said quit. A few days ago I met Representative Huntley, of Clackamas County, and he assured me then, as he had done before, that I shall have his vote. He has been reported as doubtful. I have the promise of the vote of another Clackamas County member whom I am not at liberty to name. Representative Mayger, of Columbia County, wrote me a day or two ago that he will support me, so it was an error to place him in the doubtful list.

"There are five men to be added to the 24 who were conceded to me by the Portland paper, making 29 in all, or 28 if I should lose Representative Graham's support.

"But that is not all. Seven members are given as supporters of Vawter, but three of them have promised to support me if Vawter cannot win. I will be their second choice.

"And that isn't all. I have other promises upon which I can rely, but which I am not at liberty to make public."

Mr. Kay was asked what he thought of the probability of Senator Kuykendall's being able to deprive him of the three Representatives from Lane, who are wanted by the Multnomah delegation in return for Multnomah's support of Kuykendall.

"There isn't a thing in that story," replied Mr. Kay. "I have a letter here in my pocket from Senator Kuykendall, in which he says he will not interfere in any way with the Speakership fight. He says he knows the three Representatives from his county are for me, and that neither he nor any of his friends will try to do anything to shake them loose. Senator Kuykendall is a man of honor, and I have no fear of his trying to trade off the Lane County delegation.

"Besides I have received several letters from the Lane County Representatives pledging me their support. A letter came to me from them today, assuring me that there is nothing in the rumors that they will leave me. The letter says that if all my friends are as loyal as the Lane County delegation I am O. K."

It is this kind of showing that makes Representative Kay feel assured of the necessary 26 votes in the Republican caucus when the Legislature meets in Salem, January 9. He says he has not promised a single committee appointment, and will not do so, but will be free to appoint members to the committees for which they are best suited.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

"Charity Ball" at the Columbia.

It is curious to listen to the remarks of different people as the large audience move slowly up the aisles and out through the lobby of the beautiful Columbia Theater this week. Belasco's great "Charity Ball" has made people talk for several years past now, and will continue to be one of the grandest products of dramatic genius for a long time to come.

"Wasn't it fine? Wasn't Miss Countiss just 'grand' as Ann Kruger?" exclaimed one enthusiastic young girl. "And Edgar Baume as rector of St. Mildred's—oh, I just fell in love with him!" her companion replied, with all the gushing frankness of innocent girlhood.

And thus it goes through the entire list of this popular company, especially when they are playing in a piece for which they are so perfectly suited, in which each one seems to be transformed into the living being of the play, the creation of the great dramatist's art. Donald Bowles, Louise Brandt, Blanche Douglas, William Dills, George Bloomquest—in fact, ever one of this large and perfectly select company of players is cast in a role this week for which he or she seemed to be born to fill almost, and the result is power and completeness of production. "The Charity Ball" is filling the Columbia every night this week.

"THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM."

Today at 3 O'Clock, Tonight at 8:30, Under Auspices Baby Home.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Marquam Grand the first performance here of "The Star of Bethlehem" will be given by the Ben Greet players. The beautiful Christmas play will be repeated tonight, tomorrow afternoon at 3 and tomorrow night.

No one who witnessed the remarkable performance of "Everyman" by this splendid English company will want to miss seeing "The Star of Bethlehem," which, while possessing the same uniqueness of form of presentation, is far less solemn, breathing as it does the spirit and joy of the Christmastide.

Besides this, there is a distinct comedy vein in the story of Mak and how he stole the sheep, all of which is in splendid contrast to the pomp and majesty of the figures of Herod and the three Magi, the three lords of the earth, who follow the star across the pathless desert. But the climax in an unusual impressive and reverent performance is the scene in the stable at Bethlehem when, side by side, the Magi and the lowly shepherd kneel down in adoration before the Virgin and her Child.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"The Show Girl" and Football Teams.

"The Show Girl" will be the attraction at the Empire Theater all of New Year's week, starting with the usual matinee next Sunday. There will be a special matinee Monday, which is a legal holiday.

B. C. Whitney's production of "The Show Girl," a musical comedy in two acts, is a strictly refined up-to-date musical extravaganza, resplendent with magnificent scenery, elaborate costumes, clever comedians and pretty girls.

Hilda Thomas is the leading comedienne of this company of metropolitan favorites, at the head being Sam Mylie and including Sid Forrester, Lou Hall, Estelle Bird, Josephine Floyd, Bert Wainwright, May Sweeney, Charles E. Parcor, Blanche Bertram, Louis Langford, Edna Glover, Thomas Shea, Ida Scott, H. B. Mustard, Nellie Wilson, Raymond Belmont, the Apollo Quartet, the Rainbow Sisters and 30 pretty and bewitching singing and dancing girls. The Multnomah and Seattle football teams will occupy boxes Monday (New Year's) night.

"The Last Word."

Columbia patrons are promised another treat next week in an exact reproduction of John Drew and Ada Rehan's great New York success, "The Last Word." It was first produced by them at Daly's Broadway Theater, and this will be the first time Portlanders have ever had an opportunity to see it. It is a comedy, bright and scintillating, a continual burst of laughter from beginning to end. "The Last Word" will open at the Columbia Sunday matinee, and continue all week, with a special New Year's matinee Monday, January 2.

Advance Sale Today.

This morning at 10 o'clock the advance sale of seats will open for the famous colored comedians, Williams and Walker, who come to the Marquam Grand Theater as the New Year's attraction Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday nights, January 2, 3, 4, with a special matinee Wednesday, in their latest success, "In Dahomey."

Special Monday Matinee.

There will be a special New Year matinee at the Columbia Monday afternoon, January 2, of Daly's great comedy, "The Last Word." Seats can now be reserved at the boxoffice and should be secured at once.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

A Genteel Sparring Match.

It is seldom that genteel people, who do not care to attend a regulation sparring exhibition, have an opportunity to witness a brisk glove contest under such favorable circumstances as at the Lyric this week. Dave Barry, the noted pugilist, and his sparring partner, Greggins, also a clever exponent of the gloves, are appearing at each performance at the Lyric this week for a three-round go for points. Hudson Labelle, the expert magician, is arousing great interest in his mysterious feats; Lam and Jenkins, with their marionettes, are an unusually good attraction; Ida Russell, the lightning-change artist, has no equal, and Robert Athan, the quaint comedian, who introduces his original Lewis and Clark song, is scoring a hit.

Amateurs at the Arcade.

Dan and Bessie Kelly are making the Arcade Theater resound with laughter by their merry one-act sketch. Dan Kelly is a versatile Irish comedian, while Bessie Kelly is a soprano of rare merit. The bioscope pictures of a race between an auto and a racehorse are the most exciting of any films ever seen in Portland. Tonight the amateurs will add a novel feature to the excellent bill.

Great Bill at Baker.

In order to commence the new year with a grand boom celebration the Baker is giving its patrons one of the finest vaudeville entertainments seen in Portland this year. It may be taken as a sign that the coming year is to be far ahead of the one just closing in a local theatrical way, and the Baker intends to set the pace. Bimm, Bomm, Brrr, the great eccentric musical trio, which has created a furore wherever it has appeared, is one of the bright, particular features. Hawley and Vass, the funniest team of comedians in the business, are coining laughs, and the Oxford Duo never fails to please the audiences. Kober Bros., the comedy acrobats in the great trick-ladder act, and a number of others equally as good, appear on the programme this week.

Who'll Watch the Bijou?

There's a gold watch at the Bijou for somebody. It will be given away at 9 o'clock this evening. It's worth having and it will go to some one who has attended a Bijou matinee and received a watch coupon. For this week, Welch and Maitland and May and Miles keep the fun factory running full blast. Burdick, the mystery man, helps. See "The Trials and Troubles of an Automobilist" on the "Bijougraph."

The Arabs at the Grand.

No theater in this city has ever done such a business as has the Grand this week because of the matchless character of the programme offered. The Whirlwinds of the Desert have proved a great drawing card, and more than that, they have greatly pleased the people with the high character of their work.

The Star's Coupon Matinee.

Three acts that no lover of refined vaudeville ought to miss are Daisy Harcourt, the famous and fascinating London soubrette; Ellis and Paloma, the operatic singers, and the Taggart family of skilled acrobats. All these excellent performers are at the Star Theater. Today the regular coupon matinee with the coupon printed on page 10 of today's Oregonian.

Women's Bodies Are Identified.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Two young women who met tragic deaths in this city in a manner strikingly similar were identified today. The girl who was found unconscious to Riverside drive and died without regaining consciousness was recognized tonight by John F. Mangan as his sister, Mary Mangan, who had been employed here as a domestic.

The other woman, who was discovered dead in a basement, was recognized as Mrs. Cecelia Butler, the widow of a railroad employe who died two weeks ago. The theory of murder is being investigated by the police.

Americus Thrown Three Times.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.—Fred Beel, of Marshfield, Wis., threw Gus Schoenlen ("Americus"), of this city, tonight in their wrestling bout, catch-as-catch-can style, in three straight falls of a five-fall contest.

SEVEN AS A UNIT

All Multnomah Senators for Kuykendall.

TO ELECT HIM PRESIDENT

Mills Supporters Sure He Will Be Speaker.

SAY THAT HE CAN BEAT KAY

Marion County Candidate for Leadership of House of Representatives Is Said to Claim Support Not Really His.

That Multnomah County will give Dr. W. Kuykendall, of Lane, all its seven votes for President of the State Senate, in the Republican caucus, prior to permanent organization of that body at Salem, one week from next Monday, seems certain from the present political status of things. Such has been the programme for the six Multnomah Senators who were elected on the regular Republican ticket last June, and though they did not individually enter into that arrangement with Dr. Kuykendall, they admit that they will line up with him. The seventh Senator, C. W. Nottingham, elected as an independent, will join in with his Multnomah colleagues if he shall follow his present intentions.

In exchange for Multnomah's vote in the Senate, Dr. Kuykendall and his friends are to pull for the election of A. L. Mills, Multnomah's candidate for Speaker, because without this county's aid Kuykendall could not win.

Election Seems Assured.

From present indications Kuykendall's election seems assured, and the Lane man will have more than enough votes to win the caucus nomination on the first ballot. But the Speakership contest has a very uncertain outlook. Kay, of Marion claims more than enough votes to secure the caucus nomination, for which 26 will be required, but supporters of Mills in this county aver that Kay is overestimating his hosts.

Certain it is, the advent of Mills into the fray and the adherence of Multnomah's Senators to Kuykendall put an entirely different look on the face of things from that of three or four days ago. Then the Speakership appeared to be Kay's and the Presidency in doubt. But now, uncertainty has shifted to the fight for the Speakership.

No doubt Kay had promises of support from a majority or more of the House Republicans, when the contest lay between himself and Bailey. But now that Mills has taken the place of Bailey, the alignment is expected to change by Mills' backers and Kay's adherents to fall away. The Mills people say that Kay received many of his pledges as against Bailey but not as against Mills; therefore, Kay cannot now hold them bound to himself. But Kay has reiterated his confidence even more strongly since Mills has been brought out.

Kay Claims Majority of Caucus.

Kay claims the following as in his camp: Calvert, Richie, Settlemier and himself, of Marion; Cornett, of Linn; Bingham, Edwards and Griffin, of Lane; Miles, of Yamhill; Barnes, Flint and Newell, of Washington; Carter, of Benton; West, of Tillamook and Yamhill; Huntley, of Clackamas, and another unnamed member from the same county; Mayger, of Columbia; Shook and Steiner, of Crook, Grant, Klamath and Lake; Cole, of Umatilla and Morrow; Dobbin, of Wallowa and Union; McLeod, of Union; Smith, of Baker; Stitz, of Harney and Malheur; Donnelly and Kuney, of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler; Burgess and Jane, of Wasco—28.

This is two more than a majority of the Republican caucus. Besides, Kay claims that three men now supporting Vawter will go to him after Vawter shall have withdrawn.

The Mills people dispute the claims of Kay vigorously. They name 24 members of the house as already sure to support the Mutnomah man and say that more can readily be secured between now and the meeting of the Legislature. Of the 24 they declare that seven are in the foregoing list of Kay claims.

The votes which Kay concedes to Mills are those of Graham, of Marion; Cooper, of Polk; possibly one of Clackamas and 13 of Multnomah—19 in all; and to Vawter, Gray and Sonneman, of Douglas; Hermann, of Coos; Jackson and Von der Hellen, of Jackson, and Vawter himself—6.

Multnomahs Strong Power.

That Multnomah, with 29 votes in the Legislature, all working as a unit, can accomplish its aims and bring into line enough votes to make Mills speaker, through its power in legislation, is the confident opinion of the political leaders in this county. There is a widespread belief that the Mills candidacy has been sprung later than it should have been, but that there is yet sufficient time to capture the plum.

There is a determination in the delegation to require Kuykendall to deliver votes to Mills in the House in exchange for Multnomah's aid in the Senate. Kuykendall's friends have had trouble in lining up the three representatives from Lane, and are said thus far to have failed in their endeavor. But Kuykendall has given assurances of help from his friends in other counties, which are said to make up for the losses in Lane.

Lineup in Senate.

If any of the Senate allies of the Lane man were disposed to desert, they have been brought back to camp by Multnomah's adherence to him; besides, the declaration of this county has won him recruits.

The following Senators are counted as sure allies of Kuykendall by the latter's managers:

Hodson, Holman, Malarkey, Mays, Sichel, Coe, Nottingham, of Multnomah; Rand of Baker, Loughary of Polk, Booth of Lane, Douglas and Josephine; Tuttle of Clatsop, Brownell of Clackamas, Hobson of Marion and Linn, Coke of Coos and Curry, and Kuykendall himself—15.

This leaves to Carter the following: Farrar of Marion, Whealdon of Wasco, Bowerman of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler; McDonald of Union and Wallowa, Haines of Washington, Laycock of Grant, Crook, Lake and Klamath; Wright of Yamhill, Tillamook and Lincoln; Howe of Yamhill, and Carter himself—9.

These two lists leave unplaced Croisan of Marion, who has been holding off to see how Multnomah would jump, but now that this county has jumped, the Kuykendall people expect him to join their ranks. Even Farrar, who has been giving aid and comfort to the Carter element, they expect to receive on their side. As for Hobson and Coke, who are claimed by the Carter boomers, those two men are included by the Kuykendall workers as among their stanchest adherents. Followers of the Lane Senator aver also that Laycock is by no means a sure devotee of the Carter faith.

JAPANESE FEARED MINES.

Fighting Is Carried on at a Distance of Nearly a Mile.

CHEFOO, Dec. 29.—The Japanese line at Port Arthur is now, as a result of the general attack beginning December 25, much closer to Liao Ti Mountain. Chinese who left Port Arthur yesterday and arrived here today report that a greatly inferior Russian force defended the outermost of the trenches for three days, retiring when Japanese artillery had secured an enfilading position. The fighting mostly was at a range of two-thirds of a mile, the Japanese fearing mines. The Russians retired to Chingkakao.

Japanese who arrived at Chefoo, many from Port Dalny, say the recent fighting also resulted in the capture of a hill called by the Japanese Yangtuhuban (possibly Kekwan Mountain), enabling the Japanese seriously to harass land communication with the Liao Ti forts and with the forts on Fise and Antse Mountains. The capture of Yangtuhuban Hill followed several night attacks, during one of which the Japanese became confused, killed each other, and retired when the mistake was discovered by the appearance of the moon.

The Japanese here further report that severe fighting has occurred on the northeast flank, particularly at Biblung Mountain, where, when the Japanese left Port Dalny, the Japanese forces had made some progress.

Two steamers recently ran the blockade of Port Arthur. One of them was captured by the Japanese when emerging from the harbor.

Russians Fire at Random.

GENERAL OKU'S HEADQUARTERS, via Fusan, Dec. 29.—No change has taken place at the front of the second army. The Russians continue daily bombardment, firing at random, and resulting in few casualties. The Japanese soldiers pick up 15-centimeter shrapnel cases, and with them make charcoal burners to heat the bomb-proofs. Occasional collisions take place between patrols, the Russians always retiring. Both sides seem satisfied to remain in the trenches.

Lieutenant-General Sir William Nicholson, Director-General of Military Intelligence of the British War Office, who was attached to the Japanese army, left yesterday on his way to England.

Movements at the Front.

TOKIO, Dec. 29.—The Manchurian army headquarters, reporting today, says:

"On December 27, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the Russians, with heavy field guns, bombarded the Shakhe River railroad bridge in the neighborhood of the station, and the Russian guns at Tailentun shelled Chihsiantun and Shulintzu. Russian cavalry attacked Heilintun at sunset on the same day, but were repulsed by Japanese cavalry. At 8:30 o'clock of the same evening the Russian cavalry enveloped the Japanese pickets, who were reinforced, and finally repulsed the enemy. The Japanese casualties were three men killed."

Called to Confer With Czar.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The Echo de Paris learns that Admiral Kazankoff received a cipher dispatch from Grand Duke Alexis, informing him that the Emperor wished to confer with him concerning the North Sea Commission. It is pointed out that there is time for the Admiral to go to St. Petersburg and return before the commission meets on January 9. It is possible, the Echo de Paris says, that some other appointment awaits him, but if so, he is not aware of the fact.

Vice-Admiral Doubassoff, the paper adds, is expected here on a matter not connected with the North Sea affair, namely, the ordering of torpedo-boat destroyers for his government.

Demand for Russian Murderer.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.—The leaders of the Ningpo community here have telegraphed to the Foreign Office at Pekin that they have great difficulty in restraining their countrymen owing to the Russian Consul's neglect to answer the Taotai's request for the surrender of the two sailors of the Russian cruiser Askold, who are charged with the murder of a Chinaman as the result of a quarrel over the hire of a jinrikisha.

THE NEW YEAR'S OREGONIAN

The best advertisement for the 1905 Fair that Oregon's people can send to their friends in the East, will be a copy of the New Year's Oregonian that will be published Monday morning next. The illustrations of the beautiful Exposition buildings and the Exposition grounds will be made a special feature of the New Year's number. The paper will be mailed to any address in the United States or Canada, postage prepaid, for 10 cents a copy. Address The Oregonian, Portland, Or.

Explore Red Lights

Grand Jury Pays Night Visit to North End District.

Piloted by Deputy Sheriff Cordano, the members of the county grand jury toured the North End last night. They visited numerous saloons and disreputable places, including the Paris House, the Green Front Theater, Erickson's, Blazier's, Fritz' and others.

After traveling about for some time the members of the jury came across Policemen Baty and Burke, veteran patrolmen of the district, from whom they gained real knowledge of the notorious establishments there. In a short conversation with the officers they obtained information that will be of great value to them during the remainder of their deliberations.

No names of places were given by the jurymen, but some of them remarked that several establishments in the district should not be granted a renewal of their licenses. Their visit most probably had some bearing on the present investigation into the renting of property to disreputable tenants.

Pears'

A soap is known by the company it keeps. Pears' is found in good society, everywhere.

The use of Pears' Soap betokens refinement.

Scented, or not, as you prefer.

LAST SHIP OF THE YEAR

GLAUCUS COMPLETES HER CARGO AND IS READY TO SAIL.

Thirty-Two Sailing Vessels Clear From This Port in 1904.—Message of the Sea.

The British ship Glaucus, the last grain ship to sail this year, completed her cargo at Irving dock yesterday and dropped to anchorage in the stream to await a towboat to take her to Astoria. Her cargo consists of 117,513 bushels of wheat worth $105,661. She is dispatched by the Northwestern Warehouse Company, and sails to Queenstown for orders. The Italian ship S. Celeste moved up to the Glaucus' berth from Columbia dock No. 2, and will begin loading barley this morning. She will be the first vessel to clear in the coming year.

With the departure of the Glaucus, 32 grain ships will have sailed from Portland in 1904. In the order of their sailings the vessels were the Cristel, Andorinha, Ancaios, East African, Magdalene, Red Rock, Marechal de Turenne, La Fontaine, Vercingetorix, Thistle, La Bruyere, Armen, Nal, Marechal de Noailles, Laennec, Rajore, Beacon Rock, Emelie, Brizeaux, Eskasoni, Hartfield, Wray Castle, Carnarvon Bay, Dupleix, Cambronne, Pierre Loti, Crillon, Asie, Ruthwell, Jules Gommes, Dunreggan and Glaucus. Twenty-seven of these vessels cleared for the United Kingdom for orders, three for Durban and one each for Dublin and Cape Town. In their nationality, 14 were British, 14 French and 4 German. The cargoes were divided up among the exporters as follows: Balfour, Guthrie & Co., 11; Portland Flouring Mills Company, 7; Kerr, Gifford & Co., 6; Northwestern Warehouse Company, 3; Portland Grain Company and G. W. McNear, 2 each; J. J. Moore & Co., 1.

MESSAGE OF THE SEA.

Mysterious Board Found by Indians Near Juneau.

Carl Schultz, a seaman of the steamer Alki, has brought down to Victoria from Juneau, a weather-beaten, water-worn board with the following partly obliterated inscription upon it:

"Dec. 24, 19-6.—Aboard schooner Cog—— 11. All rigin —one. Leak forward, 6 ft. water ——d. Adrift 20 days. ——ions gone ——."

According to the Victoria Colonist, Schultz secured it from an Indian at Juneau, who stated that he had picked it up on the beach near that port. The inscription was evidently gouged into the board with some sharp instrument. The date is quite distinct, also the word "schooner," but the name of the vessel is split in half, so that only the first three and last two letters are intelligible. After the name of the vessel comes the word "all," which can with difficulty be made out; then the letters "r-i-g-i-n" follow consecutively and are quite distinct, but the last letter, which was undoubtedly a "g," was completely obliterated, as well as the "g" of "gone." The words "Leak forward 6 ft." can barely be deciphered, and the letters preceding the "d" are completely obliterated, but enough of the sentence is there to indicate that without doubt the sentence was originally written "6 feet water in hold."

"Adrift 20 days" can be easily made out, but the letters following and before the "ions" are gone. The distance, however, between the intelligible parts show that the word following "20 days" was "provisions." The word "gone" is distinct, but the remainder of the message cannot be made out. Schultz has turned the board over to friends, who are trying to find a trace of the supposed wrecked vessel.

CARRIED FULL CARGO.

Plea of Roscoe's Captain Fined by Customs Officials.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Captain P. Crim, master of the steamer L. Roscoe, which was fined $600 by Collector for Customs Robb yesterday, filed an application to the Treasury Department at the Customhouse today, asking that the fine be remitted. He says he sailed from Sluslaw with seven persons, all white, as a crew, and two fishermen, who were on board and acted as deckhands, demanded pay for their services, making a ship's crew of nine all told, which is the number required by law. Regarding the passenger list, he says he kept a list of the number of passengers in a book which he had for the purpose, and he had never received any instructions to keep any other list. He adds that he had as passengers three white men, two of whom worked and were paid as deckhands, and 13 Chinamen, all of whom were members of the fishing and cannery crews employed at the plant operated by the owner of the steamer. Concluding, the application asks that the fine be remitted, as there was no attempt on the part of the captain to violate the statues.

Canadians Fine the Seattle.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 29.—The steamer City of Seattle has been fined $400 for picking up the passengers on the steamer Jefferson in Swanson Bay, early in November, and carrying them through to Seattle, without reporting it at a Canadian port. The breach of law committed involved more than this, the Victoria customs contending that the steamer had no right to even take the Jefferson's passengers aboard in Canadian inland waters. The Collector said that had the passengers been in danger the City of Seattle might have been justified in taking them; not otherwise.

Rescued From Sinking Schooner.

HAVRE, Dec. 29.—The British steamer Anglo-Chilean, from Pensacola, via Newport News, which has arrived here with Captain Nelson, his wife and five members of the crew of the American schooner W. F. Chester on board, reports having rescued them in midocean, where the Chester was sinking, after having encountered a four days' storm. Captain Nelson set fire to the schooner after abandoning her. The American Consul here will send the rescued persons home.

Abydos Still Ashore.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Advices received today state that the Kosmos liner Abydos is still ashore in the Straits of Magellan. She is resting about midships on the rocks, while her stern is afloat, and with every roll of the surf she grinds on a reef in Osorno Bay.

Russ Loading at Rainier.

RAINIER, Or., Dec. 29.—The three-masted schooner Joseph Russ, of San Francisco, is moored at Dietz' dock here to take on a cargo of 400,000 feet of lumber from the Nordby & Wilson mill, being part of a large consignment for California parties.

Marine Notes.

The schooner S. T. Alexander cleared yesterday for San Pedro with 800,000 feet of lumber.

The China liner Arabia moved over to Alaska dock yesterday and began loading lumber.

The Italian ship Regina Elena, 1853 tons net, has been sold to parties in Trieste and renamed the Georgia.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Dec. 29.—Arrived down at 3:30 P. M.—British bark Dunreggan. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., rough; wind southeast; weather cloudy. No shipping moving.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Sailed—Brig W. G. Irwin, for Roche Harbor; steamer Czarina, for Coos Bay; steamer Signal, for Coos Bay; schooner Albert Meyer, for Bellingham.

SANE PAPER WAS PREPARED

Reactionaries Undid the Work Accomplished by Witte and Others.

SPECIAL CABLE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—"They condemn themselves out of their own mouths," is the heading of a revolutionary circular that is being distributed throughout the empire. The argument of this document summarizes the Czar's manifesto from the point of view of the reformers. It contends that His Majesty not only makes out a good case for profound political changes, but also testifies to the success of the Liberals in bringing about a state of general agitation and excitement. This condition, the circular asserts, will be made increasingly worse until government in Russia must become representative of the people or dissolve in anarchy.

Uncertainty hangs over the ministerial struggle and even the best-informed are not sure of the facts. It seems well established, however, that M. Witte, although a centralist in governmental theory, stood valiantly with Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, Prince Khilkoff, General Sakharoff, Kokovtzoff and Yermoloff against the final draft of the imperial pronouncement. These men induced the Czar to adopt a much saner and more effective programme, but the original copy, after having been sent to the printer, was displaced by the document which finally reached the public.

The authors of this untimely document were the arch-reactionaries Pobiedonostzeff, the procurator of the holy synod, and the Grand Dukes Vladimir and Sergius. The Zemstvos, municipalities, social bodies, the advanced section of the revolutionists and the federal nationalities will shortly determine broad lines for the liberal movement of the future.

SKRYDLOFF IS CALLED BACK.

To Be Succeeded in Command of the Pacific Fleet.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Vladivostok squadron, will return to St. Petersburg in January.

(It was announced from St. Petersburg December 26 that inquiries made at the Admiralty there led to confirm the report that Admiral Rojestvensky would succeed Admiral Skrydloff in supreme command of the Pacific fleet, and that Skrydloff would return to St. Petersburg as a member of the Admiralty Council.)

Japanese Prisoners' Plea to Embassy

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—The American Embassy here, at the request of the Japanese Minister in Berlin, has made urgent representations to be allowed to send a representative of the Embassy to visit the Japanese officers who are prisoners at Medvid, Province of Novgorod, pointing out in behalf of the Japanese government that the latter has allowed a similar courtesy on several occasions in the case of Russian prisoners in Japan.

The American Embassy at St. Petersburg received a letter early in December signed by 68 Japanese officers, who are prisoners at Medvid, asking that the Embassy send a representative there. No reason was given for the request.

Resigns Head of Red Cross.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—B. A. Alexandrovsky, ex-Russian Commissioner-General to the St. Louis Exposition, has resigned his position as head of the Red Cross in the field on account of criticism upon his administration. He will be succeeded by Prince Vassilitchkoff.

M. Alexandrovsky has been offered a high position in the hospital service by General Kuropatkin, and also the position of Prince Vassilitchkoff's chief lieutenant, but he has not yet decided which to accept. The change is incident to a complete reorganization of the Red Cross early in the coming year on account of the increase of the size of the army. The Red Cross has already spent about $5,500,000. It has now over 20,000 beds. From the fund of the Empress, which is independent, $750,000 has been expended.

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