RUSSIA DISCLAIMS POLITICAL DESIGN

Control of Harbin and Other Municipalities Not Desired. Says Kokovsoff.

ALTERNATIVE PLAN ASKED

Supervision Would Be Turned Over to Consular Body and Russia Would Sell Manchurian Railroad, He Declares.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12 .- M. Ko kovsoff, Minister of Finance, in an im portant statement tonight declared the Russian Railway Company had no desire to wield political power in Manchuria, and was prepared to waive its right to control over the municipalities of Harbin and other points if a satisfactory substitute could be devised.

This was the feature of the Russo Chinese contention to which the United States and other powers objected. According to the Minister, some form of municipal administration at Harbin, empowered to collect taxes for various public works and schools, is a self-evident necessity.

Police to Be, Maintained.

He said he was ready to discuss pro posals intrusting the necessary super-vision to the consular body, but that the railroad would reserve the right to police its own premises and buildings. No objections could be raised to other features of the proposed municipal councils, since they placed all foreign and Chinese residents on absolute

equality.

The Minister declared that the Russian guards in Manchuria would not be withdrawn, as has been suggested. The detailed protest of China against the Russian memorandum sent to the powers in October declares specifically that the administration of affairs at Harbin the administration of affairs at Harbin does not concern Russia, and it was thought that this protest might be a preliminary to a demand by China for the withdrawal of the Russian guards.

Russia Would Sell Railroad.

Confirming previous dispatches, M. Kokovsoff said Russia was ready to consider a serious proposal for the sale of the Manchurian Raliroad, either to China, financed by an international syndicate, or to such a syndicate direct, atthough Pursie would prefer to wait syndicate, or to such a syndicate direct, although Russia would prefer to wait for the completion of the Amur Railway. He could not state the approximate terms on which the railroad would be disposed of, but he said that the fact that Russia had invested \$175,-000,000 in Manchurian railroads must be considered.

The Minister denied the Berlin report that rails for the Amur and second trans-Siberian lines would be purchased in the United States. Russian industry, he added, needed the contracts. In conclusion M. Kokovsoff said that

the Russo-Japanese war scare which was agitating the Russian press was not to be taken seriously. The state-ment of M. Kokovsoff foreshadows a satisfactory settlement.

IDAHO PIONEER IS DEAD

Mrs. Mary Michaels, Sister of Oregon Men, Dies Near Weiser.

WEISER, Ida., Dec. 13.—(Special.)— Nancy J. Michaels, a pioneer of the West, passed away at her home on Mann Creek several miles from this city, Friday morning, after a ten days' filness. The funeral was held Saturday. Deceased was 69 years of age and was born in Sullivan County, Missouri. She crossed the plains with a team in 1864, settling at Union, Or., in 1877.

She came to Idaho, locating near Weiser, where she has since resided. Surviving her are two sons, J. L. and Miles Michaels, of this city. An adopted son, Lem Watkins, of Council, Idaho, a daughter, Mrs. Daniel Ackley, of a daughter, Mrs. Daniel Ackley, of Boise, and four brothers, Daniel Baird, of Union, Or., David Baird, of Sparta, Or., Thomas Baird, in Colorado, and George Baird, in Missouri.

STUDENT RESCUES OLD MAN

Aged Salem Man Swept Down Creek 100 Feet Before Saved.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 13. - (Special.)-Thomas Lawrence, aged 76, while on his way to church last evening stepped into the Mill Creek ditch and was swept down stream nearly 100 feet before he was res ed by Floyd Walker, a student at a

cued by Floyd Walker, a student at a local business college.

This open ditch has claimed many victims, about one person each year having been drowned there for the past 15 years, it is said.

FRIEND LOSES, KILLS SELF

John Mulholland Carries Out Pre-Election Threat.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Dec. 13.-John Mulholland, harness-maker, carried out a pre-election threat this afternoon when he shot himself through the head, dying later at a hospital. Mulholland was an admirer of a candidate for Mayor who was defeated. Mulhol-land said before the election that if his friend were defeated he would kill him-

LURTON SUPREME JUDGE Taft Appoints Tennessee Democrat to

Vacant Seat on Bench.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The President nominated Horace H. Lurton, of Tennes-ses to be an Associate Justice of the Su-prethe Court of the United States today. Judge Lurton is a Tennessee man, and was appointed Judge of the Sixth Circuit by President Cleveland, March 27, 1833. He was a Democrat in politics at that

SALEM SEEKS PURE WATER Capital City Council Will Consider Project.

SALEM. Or. Dec. 13.—(Special.)—To-morrow night the City Council will hold a special adjourned session, when it is probable definite steps will be taken to bring the proposition of a mountain water system before the voters of the city. The budget for the coming year will also be discussed at length.

FAMILIAR SNAPSHOT OF KING OF THE BELGIANS, WHO IS DYING, PORTRAIT OF COUPLE WHO PROBABLY WILL BECOME KING AND QUEEN, AND VIEW OF ROYAL PALACE.



Operation Is Last Resort, but Case Is Desperate.

PREPARES FOR LAST ENEMY

Aged King's Mind Is Clear and He Calmiy Makes Will, Receives Sacrament, Says Farewell to Daughter and Friends.

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of his own personal life whispered by every tongue, Leopold lay tonight in "The Palms," a little payillon of six rooms, close to the great Lacken attended by his faithful daughter Princess Clementine, Crown Prince Albert and the royal household.

The castle is empty, for the King sold all the furniture, dismissed the servants and withdrew to the pavilion, not far from the chateau, which is the home of intimate friend, Barones

Last Preparations for Death.

The day was a mixture of anxiety, cope and despair. As his strength failed the King, his chaplain, an aged priest with tears wetting his cheeks, approached the bed to hear the King's confession and admirister communion and extreme unction. In the morning the King, assisted by a notary and so-licitors, settled his private affairs. He discussed points in his will with perfect composure. In the afternoon he took farewell of the court officials. To Count Oultremont marshal of the

court, his majesty said:
"You have served me well for more
than 20 years. I am grateful. Before I die, I want to tem you so and give you

The King then summoned Princess Clementine, whom he kissed several times, telling her not to cry. She was led fainting from the room. Other rela-

tives followed. Subsequently he received the papal nuncio, who brought the benediction of the holy father, and the Spanish Minis-ter. The Mayor of Brussels came to the castle as the bearer of the go wishes of the people of Brussels, and to express the popular hope that His Majesty would recover, but the King was too tired to receive him.

May See Banished Daughter.

Fate destined that Leopold's illness should occur in the simple pavilion in-stead of the royal palace at Brussels. While it is understood to have been a whim of the sovereign that caused the closing of the castle, this action probably had to do with the King's plan to place most of his personal and real property in control of a stock company, to permit the inheritance to pass to his daughters indisturbed by scandals, such as followed ne death of the Queen.

Princess Louise, whose creditors tried o prevent her from receiving her inheritance to the Queen Jewels, has offered a dramatic touch to the present situation by sending from Hungary an insistent ap-peal to her father to receive her, and it is rumored tonight that the King has consented to see his banished daughter. Nothing has been heard from Princess

Not Understood by Belgians.

A curious circumstance is the fact that Brussels appears to be more occupied with the sensational chapters in King Leopold's career than with his illness. The situation is summarized by a wellaformed official, who said tonight: "Leopold does not understand the Bel-gians, and the Belgians do not understand Leopold. So, perhaps, they have grown apart. The Belgians have come to con-sider King Leopold as a great man of business, a great international promoter who at the same time has done much good for Belgium." Baroness Vaughan, it is rumored, in-

sisted upon seeing the King today, thus furnishing an exciting incident, but did not succeed in carrying out her plan. It is also reported that she was in-

THE PALAGE OF KING LEOPOLD.

STRENGTH RAPIDLY

Physicians Decide Operation Must Be Performed Tuesday.

PARIS. Dec. 13 .- A dispatch to the PARIS. Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Matin from Brussels says the King dozed into a quiet sleep tonight. Although he does not suffer, his strength is diminishing so rapidly that it has been decided to operate at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. Dr. Depage will perform the operation. Dr. Thiriar, the royal physician, who has known the King for 29 years, declaring that he did not have the courage.

"The memory of our long friendship,"

that he did not have the courage.

"The memory of our long friendship," he said. "would make the scalpel drop from my nervous fingers."

King Leopold has had nothing except port wine and ice for three days. He is so, emaclated that M. Schollaert, the premier, burst into tears at seeing him.

IN DREAM, DEATH SEEN

GIRL WITNESSES IN MIND LAKE ERIE DISASTER.

Sarah Clancy, Sister of One of Miss ing Ferry Crew, Declares All on Board Are Lost.

ERIE. Pa., Dec. 13.—Declaring that in a dream she saw car ferry Bessemer & Marquette No. 2 founder on the angry lows of Lake Erie on Tuesday night Miss Sarah Clancy, sister of one of the 38 missing men, insists that her brother is dead and all with him are lost. Five of the nine bodies picked up by

the Commodore Perry yesterday, the first of the remains found of the ferry crew, were sent to their homes tonight. The Commodore Perry, which brought in the bodies Sunday afternoon, lay in her slip all afternoon with steam up, but such a gale blew over the entire lake region that to venture upon the

waters of the lake would have been suiidal. The wind subsided tonight.

A report was received this afternoo that another yawl boat had been sunk near Westfield, N. Y. This rumor proved false. The wind would have washed all bodies and wreckage towards the Canadian shore, and lake men expect the

WIFE MAN ONCE LOST IS AGAIN. HIS BY LAW.

Numerous Previous Rulings Are Upset by Decision of Judge Shackleford.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 13 .- (Special.) In a decision handed down at 11 o'clock tonight at the conclusion of a special night session of court, Superior Judge Shackleford untangled one of the most complex divorce cases ever tried in Pierce

Under the Court's ruling, Francis M. Rynerson, director and stockholder of Fidelity Mining & Milling Company, of is declared the legal husband of Henrietta M. Rynerson, whom he married in 1881. Bessie L. Brumbaugh who Rynerson married after his wife divorced him in 1990, is declared not his legal wife at all.

In declaring Rynerson's first marriage in full force and effect, Judge Shackle ford overrules a divorce granted by Su perior Judge W. H. Kean, November 1, 1990; sustains an order vacating the di-vorce issued by the late Superior Judge Thad Huston on July 26, 1906; overrules an order issued by Superior Judge M. L. Clifford on May 1, 1908, setting aside Judge Huston's vacation order, and grants Mrs. Rynerson's complaint and bill in equity asking that her marital relations with Rynerson be established

Auto Kills Ballard.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—Theodore Ballard, a former president of the Merchants' Exchange, was run down and killed by an automobile driven by an 18-

With Wife He Buys Christmas Presents in New York.

JEWELRY IS PURCHASED

Charley Taft to Get Gold Watch and Other Members of Family Will Be Remembered - Busy Two Days Ahead.

Mrs. Taft went shopping in Fifth avenue The aftermath of last night's storm, a heavy downpour of rain, did not bother the Nation's ruler and his wife. They were accompanied by Mrs. Thomas Laughlin, sister of Mrs. Taft, who lives at Pittsburg. The advent of the President and party in a prominent jewelry establishment was entirely un-expected and the holiday throng forgot the problem of Christmas presents for the time being when word of the arrival of

the place.
The President, Mrs. Taft and Mrs.
Laughlin were ushered into a private Laughtin were ushered into a private room on the third floor of the establish-ment and a battery of salesmen was placed at their disposal. A score of gifts for various members of the White House family were purchased. Tray after tray of glittering gold and silver trinkets was horne to the room.

the distinguished newcomers spread about

of glittering gold and silver trinkets was borne to the room.

Among the articles purchased was a watch for Charley Taft, a bracelet and other things for Miss Helen and a present for Robert Taft, who is a Yale senior. President Taft will spend tonight at the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft. Tomorrow he will go to New Haven to attend a meeting of the Yale Corporation, of which he is a member, and will be the guest of honor. He will also be a guest of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce at its banquet tomorrow night.

Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Laughlin will re-Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Laughlin will re-main in the city shopping until Wednes-day or Thursday. The President will return to Washington Wednesday morn-ing.

WOMAN LAWYER VICTOR Denver Judge Orders Election Board

to Certify to Returns.

DENVER, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Helen B. Jones, who is fighting in the courts for a seat on the Denver School Board, with a woman lawyer, Miss Gail Laughlin, as her attorney, gained a victory against the election trustees today when Judge Shattack of the District Court, sustained Shattuck, of the District Court, sustained urrer and ordered the judges of the to certify the returns to the School Board at once.

Hoods Sarsaparilla

So combines the great curative principles of Roots, Barks and Herbs as to raise them to their highest efficiency; hence its unequaled cures. Get it today in usual liquid form o hocolated tablets called Sarsatabs.



5000 -Beautifully-decorated boxes, Today containing linen fabric fashion-Boxes able society paper with envelopes to match, in the latest and Paper most fashionable sizes. Values 19

YOU PAY ONLY FACTORY PRICES IN THIS GREAT SALE OF PYROGRAPHY

-If you are a wood burner and familiar with these artistic and unique articles for Christmas gifts you will be intensely interested in this sale. -A delayed shipment occasioned by the recent switchmen's strike on the Northern Pacific brought a large stock of pyrography to a Seattle firm. This shipment they refused, notifying the manufacturers. Not wishing to have this great stock returned to the factory, the manufacturers asked us to dispose of this shipment for them.

-We dictated the terms of sale-You get all the benefit. -Tomorrow we offer 10,000 pieces of Pyrography—all at factory prices. As examples of the saving, we quote the following:

\$5.00 Burning Outfits, special \$2.95 \$4.00 Burning Outfits, special. ...\$2.68 \$3.00 Burning Outfits, special....\$1.98 1000 assorted 15c panels, special....9¢ 1000 assorted 20c panels, special . . 12¢1/2 2000 assorted 50c, 65c panels, specl., 38c New 40c Pipe Racks, special 19c New 40c Glove Boxes, special 19¢ New 40c Handkerchief Boxes, spcl. 19¢ New \$1.50 Tabourettes, special 69¢ New \$1.00 Paper Racks, special 49¢ New 69c Pipe Racks, special 29¢ New 35c Match Racks, special 14¢ New 25c Tie Racks, special......9¢ New \$10 Magazine Stands, specl. \$4.00 Thousands of other articles similarly reduced.

ANOTHER DAY'S DELAY AND YOU'LL BE TOO LATE

\$3.00 Seal Bags with Initial of Heavy Gold Plate, Special \$1.98

-Yesterday we sold 390 of these bags. The balance are being offered today at the same price. We doubt if you could buy a more suiable or serviceable Christmas gift for the price than these bags. They come in black, brown, tan and navy; all fitted with coin purses and with double strap handles.

Don't Delay Your Picture Framing Orders. Time is Almost Here When We Will Have to Disappoint You. No Other Store Can Do the Work,

Glove -Three-clasp dress kid, one and two-clasp Special cape style, in different stitching, pique effects, Sale two-clasp Mocha gloves. All of such good \$1.27

quality and style that at \$1.27 a pair, the price of these gloves, reaches the very lowest level in glove selling. Worth up to \$2.25



PRINCESS, MOYENAGE AND ONE-PIECE DRESSES

Regular \$25 Values, Special \$9.95

-A special purchase of high-class dresses for women and misses enables us to offer for tomorrow 78 newest models in dresses of French serge, broadcloth, prunella and Jersey cloth in black and colors. Some are made in strictly plain tailored styles. Others braided or trimmed with silk braid.

\$65 Finest Tailor-made Suits \$29.75

-The assortment comprises about 48 of our newest tailormade suits in black and colors, also in fancy worsteds. The styles are all the newest and mid-winter models made 42 to 50 inches long and lined with the finest quality silk or satin. The materials are broadcloths, cheviots and serges.

\$5 Silk Petticoat, Special at \$3.29

-A special offering, extra quality taffeta silk petticoats in one of the newest tailor-made models. The Colors are black. navy, gray, changeable green, changeable blue and changeable red. Made with full circular flounce and trimmed with straps and small tucks. The petticoats make most acceptable Christmas gifts and at the price, \$3.29, is a saving that is more than worth while. BUY NOW.

Today We Hold a Sale of Christmas Aprons Just Two Prices, 29c and 59c

LADIES' WHITE LAWN APRONS -Plain and dotted Swiss; long or short,

round or square shape. Trimmed with cluster tucks, lace or embroidery insertion, beading or ribbon. Values to 40c,

LADIES' LONG OR SHORT APRONS -With or without bib, revers and straps. Trimmed with cluster tucks, embroidery, insertion and edgings. Also fancy tea aprons of Swiss with beading and ribbon. Regular value 75c, spcl., 59c

It's New--The Monopress For Embossing Paper—25c

-Something new for embossing paper. Every combination monogram in the alphabet. Newer than wax and more refined. The Monopress costs but 25c. By using this simple device you can emboss your paper and envelope in an instant.

3000 Pictures at 35c

-On a big table in our Picture Department. Pretty, dainty, refined pictures in a variety of very pretty frames.



23-in. Full Jointed Dolls \$1.15 Is the Biggest and Best Special Ever Offered

200 of Them, Reg. \$2, Go on Sale Today

FULL JOINTED BODY DOLLS -Bisque head, curly hair, movable eyes; 16-inch length; stockings and slippers. Regular value \$1.25,

special 79¢ JOINTED AND KID BODY DOLLS -With bisque head, curly hair, movable eyes; with or without eyelashes. Celluloid jointed-body dolls and jointed-body, fancy-dressed dolls. Regular

-Jointed body, celluloid and bisque; values to 45c,

