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## TERRIBLE PLIGHT OF TWO HORSES. ONE IS DEAD

### Double Team Owned By J. W. Wadsworth's Sons Fall in Ditch on the Boulevard Early this Morning, While on a Call

### One of the Horses is Dead and the other is in a Dying Condition--State men are Concerned

About four o'clock this morning, Joe Nisbit, one of J. W. Wadsworth's Sons drivers, found himself in a bad fix. He was driving along the Boulevard on his way to make a call for the early morning train, when without warning, his horses sprang forward into a ditch which had been dug by the Carolina Plumbing Co. in front of the residence of Rev. J. A. Dorritee for the purpose of putting some water pipes into his residence. When the driver discovered his plight he used a system of words calculated to attract attention. The form of his address, as given by the hearers, was "9 Lord! Help! Murder! Fire! Come quick! My horses are in the ditch! This arousing noise brought Mr. Dorritee out of bed. The stable was notified as soon as possible, but as most of the men were out on their morning calls, it was some time before the wagon arrived with tackle required to haul the horses out of the hole. By this time the horses had become so weakly in the ditch, which was about 18 in. deep. For several hours the men worked in enlarging the ditch, and every effort made to move the horses. The sight was a pitiful one. The horses were tightly held by the dirt and their heads, the only part they could move, were terribly battered by the rocks against which they struck them in their futile efforts to free themselves.

After a good while one of the horses by a considerable exertion, succeeded in getting on top of the other. This was done at the cost of the other horse's life. For before it could be gotten out it had trampled the life out of the other, which lived only a few moments after being given its freedom. It took five hours to get the first horse out, as the hole was deep, but finally the workers were rewarded and the suffering animal was released and taken to the stables. The men at the stables say that it will not live, as there is internal injury. Including the horse still living, Messrs. Wadsworth estimate their loss at three hundred dollars, which they expect the Carolina Plumbing Company to make good. Mr. T. C. Toomey, manager of this company, says in reply to the question put to him in regard to the lights that are required to be shown, that he thinks the lights were certainly burning, as his negro employees filled them at six o'clock last night and they will burn fourteen hours after being filled.

Rev. J. A. Dorritee says that when he first looked out of the window to see what the trouble was, he saw only one light and that he afterward found this to be the carriage lamp. And that when he went out he took the lanterns from his house and had them filled. This may explain the presence of the light which was seen burning this morning.

One witness said that the lights were out at 11 o'clock last night when he passed by. Night before last a horse fell in one of the ditches dug by the same company. This time he was helped out by filling the hole up with dirt until he could walk out, but then there was no other horse interfering.

Mr. Parks Hutchison says that the township will not be responsible for the trouble. Quite a number of people blame the plumbing company for fencing the place in.

Several buggies and wagons had narrow escapes during the past few nights. The wheels of one of Wadsworth's Sons buggies, which was passing last night, came very near getting into the same ditch.

### Death of Mrs. Cynthia Price.

Mrs. Cynthia Price, widow of the late Jasper Price, died Wednesday evening at the home of her son, Mr. Chas. Price, in Steel Creek township. The deceased was a life long member of Steel Creek Presbyterian church and was a woman beloved and honored by the entire community.

The body was buried at the church Thursday afternoon, Rev. P. H. Gwynn officiating at the funeral exercises.

The death of Mrs. Price cast a gloom over the entire community in which she resided. The deceased leaves several children, Mrs. R. A. Grier and Chas. Edgar and Sam Price.

### THE WEATHER.

Forecasts for tonight and Sunday, Charlotte and vicinity: Fair, colder with a cold wave, Sunday fair and cold.

## ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.

### Was the News' Special Concerning Chairman Rollins.

(Special to The News.)

Statesville, Dec. 26.—In reference to the denial of Chairman Rollins' statement made here last Wednesday morning to Col. H. C. Cowles, Clerk of the Federal Court, your correspondent would like to say that Col. Cowles said last night, even before the statement in your paper reiterating the statement of your correspondent the day before had reached this point that the statement given out by me was entirely correct, and that I had given it as straight as anybody could have made it. Col. Cowles told me Thursday morning when I showed him the statement that was published in the News and Observer written by me, that it was absolutely correct and thanked me for doing so, being of the same mind as he thought Chairman Rollins was then. The statement sent to the News was merely of news interest and was not secured to create any controversy between any parties that have been able to accumulate data in regard to the movement to impeach Judge Boyd or to hurt his standing as a judge.

The statements are entirely in accord with the opinion of Clerk H. C. Cowles and of Clerk Grant, of the Federal Court at Raleigh, who is in Statesville today.

In an interview this morning Col. Cowles stated there was no ground whatever for impeachment proceedings against Judge Boyd, growing out of the 'Wilkes court matter. The first court was impracticable, says Col. Cowles, because there was no calendar prepared and at the time named for the second court, there was a conflict of dates with the court at Asheville and the former could not, accordingly be held.

Col. Cowles and Clerk Grant are both of the same opinion in the above matter and say there is nothing in the impeachment matter.

Quite the most unique "take off" on Statesville as a dry town on its first Christmas since the whiskey evil has been eliminated was presented on the streets of this city yesterday. The get-up was a sulky with barrels for its wheels, a plain board for the seat with a gray tie attached to it. Occupying the seat behind was two well known young men in this city attired in Dutch costume. One of these young men is the local agent of the Standard Oil Company and manager for a large produce house here. The other is the popular traveling salesman for Craddock, Terry & Co., wholesale boot and shoe people, of Lynchburg. The ingredients "take off" was pronounced by everybody in the city as the most unique scheme ever seen on the streets here.

Gov. Aycock Thursday presented Burrus Shoemaker, the white man who was convicted about ten years ago for slandering and sentenced to 18 months in the county roads and escaped and remained away until his innocence of the crime was proven, with a pardon as his Christmas present from the State.

Yesterday being Christmas, it was observed here in general. All the mercantile houses, banks and public buildings were closed for the day. Services were held in a number of churches in the morning. In general the residents of the city kept open house.

## REVOLUTION SWEEP IS SAN DOMINGO

### Cables from Minister Powell Tell a Discouraging Tale--Provisional Government at War with Jimenez--Great

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 26.—The Clyde Line Steamer "City of New York" arrived today from San Domingo, having been subjected to considerable delay in loading and discharging cargo at ports of the revolution swept island. Cabin passengers on the steamer said the whole country is in a turmoil of riot, anarchy and revolution, within revolution. Communication between ports, they said, is suspended and all telegraph wires are down. At Porto Plata, the home of Morales, the people were his ardent supporters, it is reported, and a strong Jimenez party developed. It is said Morales would send war vessels to bombard the town to put down the revolution.

U. S. Minister Powell cables the State Department under yesterday's date from San Domingo confirming the cable announcement that Jimenez has pronounced in favor of Jimenez and adds that the troops from that place under insurgent flag are marching on the city of San Domingo. A great many arrests are being made at the Capital but otherwise everything is quiet.

### Two Killed on Rail.

(By Associated Press.)

Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—Two killed and six injured in a rear end collision at Williamstown, Ky., on the Cincinnati and Southern railway, early this morning.

### Agent Hamilton Complimented.

Agent Hamilton, in charge of the Southern Express Company's office here, has been generally complimented upon the successful way in which he has handled the Christmas rush of business. Mr. Sadler says that never before has the work of the office been more quickly and easily rounded up than at this Christmas season.

### Mill News in Magazine Form.

The Mill News, published by Ray and Escott in this city, will come out with the New Year in a new form. The paper will appear with sixteen pages in magazine form, the pages being about the size of those of Success and similar publications.

## SCORE ONE LIFE FOR STREET CAR FENDERS

### Little Wiley Watts' Life Saved By Fender on a Graham St. Car--Terrible Accident Averted by Something The News Fought For

"There is no doubt but that the fender saved the boy's life."

This statement was made today by Mr. Arthur H. Wearn, of the 4c Company when speaking of the accident that occurred on the Graham street line of the street railway this morning.

Little Wiley Watts, a son of Mr. Bud Watts, was playing this morning on the hill on Graham street just beyond Oates' factory. A fourth ward car in charge of Motorman J. Taylor Baker was ascending the hill at a slow rate. An ice wagon of the Standard Ice and Fuel Company was just in front of the car and Motorman Baker was ringing his bell to attract the driver's attention. Just as the wagon turned from the track, Wiley Watts, in his efforts to get out of the way of the ice wagon ran in front of the car.

Motorman Baker did not see the boy in time even to check his car, and the edge of the fender knocked the little fellow down. Before the car could be stopped the boy was rolled several feet, but the fender prevented his body from coming in contact with the wheels.

As soon as possible the car was brought to a standstill and the boy was picked up. Aside from two painful flesh wounds on the forehead the boy was uninjured. Several parties who saw the accident say, like Mr. Wearn, that the fender saved young Watts' life.

The motorman was also congratulated for his promptness in stopping the car.

## FOR FIRING CRACKERS.

### Mooreville Man Gets in Trouble and Resists Officer.

(Special to The News.)

Mooreville, Dec. 26.—Quite a stir was caused here yesterday by the refusal of Will Deaton, a white man, to submit to arrest.

Officer Downum, saw Deaton fire a large cracker on the streets. As this act was in violation of a town ordinance the officer attempted to arrest his man. Deaton refused to go unless the officer produced a warrant. He was allowed to remain on the streets until a warrant could be issued. As soon as Deaton saw the warrant, he went with the officer. This morning the case was tried and settled amicably.

## SEDUCTION CASE.

### Decided Against Plaintiff--Will be Sent to Richmond.

(Special to The News.)

Statesville, N. C., Dec. 26.—Clerk H. C. Cowles today received a letter from Deal and Cothran, attorneys of Greenville, S. C., containing the information that they are now preparing the papers in the appeal case of T. S. Bailey against T. J. Wilford. This is the celebrated Union county seduction case which was decided against Bailey at the last term of court. The case will come up at the next session of the Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond.

## TYCE GIVEN HIS LIBERTY.

### Man Charged With Burglary Out on Habeas Corpus.

(Special to The News.)

Greensboro, Dec. 26.—Fred Tyce, a white man who has been in jail here under a charge of burglary, said to have been committed at High Point, was discharged today by Judge Shaw under habeas corpus proceedings. It is claimed that the evidence against Tyce is insufficient to convict him of the charge.

## Patent Medicines.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Soon after the beginning of the year some of the largest manufacturers of patent medicines will, it is stated, put into effect in this city a new plan to stop cutting the prices of such articles in druggists' and department stores. It is the intention to have a fixed price list below which manufacturers will not allow goods to be sold at retail. This will apply to department stores as well as to all retail druggists.

## Cold in Chicago.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The crest of the cold wave eastbound passed Chicago today. Minimum temperature is 8 below. Trains generally were unable to maintain schedule time.

## Bank Destroyed.

(By Associated Press.)

Marietta, Ohio, Dec. 26.—The First National Bank building was destroyed by fire today. Loss to building \$75,000, fully insured. Loss to contents half as much, insured.

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## SLIPPED OUT OF COURT.

### Mack Withers, Colored, Takes Advantage of Crowded Court Room.

Mark Williams, colored who occupied a seat on the prisoner's bench in the Recorder's court yesterday morning, took advantage of the packed court room to walk out during court and to make good his escape before his absence was noted.

Withers was upon a rather serious charge. It is said that he got drunk shoving up against a lady on West Trade street Thursday and then used insulting language to her when she remonstrated. Later when pointed out to the officers Withers made a desperate fight to get away, and had to be vigorously clubbed by the police before he would submit. He was marched into the court room yesterday with a crowd of other Christmas offenders, and took his seat. It seems that someone in the crowd called him outside, and as the court room was packed he escaped the notice of the officers, and first answering the call of a friend out in the court room, he slipped out, and made good his escape.

However, he had received a severe chastisement in the way of a dubbing when arrested and this will probably atone in part for any punishment he may have escaped.

## BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

### Gives a Delightful Entertainment Last Night.

The Christmas entertainment of the Tyson Street Baptist Sunday school given last night was quite a delightful affair. The program consisting of songs and music by the choir and members of the school was well rendered. The parts taken by the primary department were exceptionally fine.

After the programme Dr. Barron, in behalf of the school, presented the Superintendent, Capt. S. Franklin, with a handsome dressing robe.

The Philathea class presented their teacher, Mr. W. C. Dowd with an elegant rocker and the Baraca class presented their president, Mr. J. A. Durham the same gift, while their president, Mrs. F. Taylor, was sent to her home.

Santa Claus then appeared and with the bundles of presents for the little people closed a happy Christmas for all the school, both old and young.

## \$134,000,000 IN DIVIDENDS.

### An Increase of Two Million Over the Dividends Declared Last Year.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 26.—According to statistics compiled by the Journal of Commerce the dividend and interest payments of the United States government for the year ending June 30, 1903, amounted to \$134,000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000 over the total payments in January, 1903.

## COOPER UNION WINS.

### One of the Largest Judgments Ever Given for Damages.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Cooper Union, after a legal fight lasting several years, received in the State Supreme Court judgment in the sum of \$130,000 against the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company. The judgment is one of the largest ever given for damages done to a structure.

## Duns Weekly Review.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 25.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: Holiday conditions pervade the markets and most of the exchange has been closed until Monday. Manufacturing plants are stopping for inventories and repairs. In many cases the extent of idleness being considerably greater than for the corresponding season in recent preceding years. There has been a liberal volume of business in holiday goods but reports are somewhat conflicting in comparison with 1902. An encouraging sign is the improvement in collections.

Railway traffic was not seriously impeded by recent storms, owing to better methods of operation, and earnings thus far reported for December exceed last year's by six per cent. Agreements are being made with little friction as to wage reductions except in the case of coal mining and several idle plants have fixed the date for resuming work.

## To Sail for Colon.

(By Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Christmas was not allowed to entirely interrupt the marine preparations at the League Island Navy Yard where the Cruiser Dixie is being made ready to sail for Colon on Monday with 600 marines. With the arrival of 94 marines and two officers from Washington last night, the first large detail of those to go to Colon were quartered on the Dixie. Some additional arrangements were taken on board yesterday and everything was in readiness for the reception of the 400 marines who are to come from New York, Norfolk and Annapolis.

## London, Dec. 26.—The British Foreign Office confirms the dispatch from Panama Thursday, announcing that Great Britain had recognized Panama.

## Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

The verdict in the coroner's jury which was summoned yesterday that Walter Solley, whose body was found upon the Bissell pond trestle, was that he was killed by a train running across the trestle.

## Big Order for Pig.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 26.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Sydney, N. S., cables that the Japanese government has placed orders for large quantities of pig lead with New South Wales concerns and that the presumption is that this lead will be used for the manufacture of bullets.

## S. A. L. EMPLOYEE HURT BY ENGINE

### The Accident Occurred at Monroe--James Connell Tried to Cross in Front of Shifting Engine and His Foot Caught in the Frog

(Special to The News.)

Monroe, Dec. 26.—Mr. James Connell was very seriously, if not fatally, injured here yesterday afternoon on the S. A. L. yards.

He was crossing the railroad track in front of a shifting engine and the heel of his shoe was caught in what is known as the "frog" and he could not free himself. His right leg was cut and mashed off by the trucks, below the knee. He was also internally injured. Mr. Connell is a poor, hard-working, honest man with a family of several to support. He was in the employ of the S. A. L. of this place.

## A FAKE AGENT.

### New York Concerns Chief Irwin to be on the Lookout.

A fake agent who claims to be representing himself to be in the employ of the Metropolitan News Agency, is now working in the South and according to a letter received today by Chief Irwin, is expected to strike Charlotte very soon. The letter is as follows:

New York, Dec. 24, 1903.

Chief of Police, Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir: There is traveling through the South and liable to reach your city at any time, a person known to us by the name of Henry Singer, representing himself as an agent of The Metropolitan News Agency and soliciting subscriptions for Pictorial Review without our knowledge, and not as our authorized solicitor or agent.

This person was prosecuted by us for receiving and collecting funds for our account and committed to the Albany jail, New York, some time ago. Since his release he has been at work again through Chicago and so on towards your district.

He has been down through Mobile where he has collected quite some money and as usual has not turned it over to us and has been receiving complaints from private families and dressmakers that such is the case.

He is short in stature, slightly deformed with a slight limp having some affliction of the knee, narrow face, dark eyes and dark hair, about 22 years of age and a man of general good appearance and of a winter complexion. If you could in any way land this man and deal out the justice he desires, we will gladly do all we can at this end to help you. For the general interest of the public at large we wish he could be caught.

Kindly advise us what you can do in this matter. Very truly yours,

PICTORIAL REVIEW.

## Contest Brought to an End.

(By Associated Press.)

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 26.—Both city and county authorities interfered last night in a boxing contest at Turner Hall, in which Cross and Brown were the participants. Several preliminaries had been given and the last was to be a fight to the finish. In the second round the fighting was so furious that the officers interfered and prevented further boxing, though no arrests were made.

## A Real Blizzard.

(By Associated Press.)

Cleveland, Dec. 26.—The first real blizzard of the winter is reported from various points in Ohio to have prevailed last night and today. In this city the wind reached a velocity of 52 miles an hour while a heavy, blinding snow fell to the depth of several inches during the past 24 hours. The weather bureau thermometer has dropped 25 degrees and now registers near the zero mark. Railway traffic is delayed owing to a heavy storm.

## Meysersdale, Pa., Dec. 26.—The Somerset Coal Company evicted the families of four striking Slav miners at Pine Hill, Meysersdale field. The tenants accepted the situation without resistance. There is not a mine that was running at Somerset and Cambria, on a branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, before the strike went into effect that is not working now. These places had no organization; this is especially true of the Niver Mines.

## Change of Location.

Messrs. G. W. Painter & Co. will move next month from their present stand on North College street to the building recently occupied by the Charlotte Grocery Co. on South College street. The change will give this much larger quarters, which it is learned they will fully utilize by branching out in their business.

## Admiral Dewey Sinks Ship.

(By Associated Press.)

Boston, Dec. 26.—Clyde liner steamer Kiowa, inward bound from Jacksonville, Fla., and Charleston, S. C., was rammed and sunk by the steamer Admiral Dewey of the United States Fruit Co. in Denton harbor today. All on board the Kiowa numbering thirty persons were rescued by tug.

## EMANCIPATION DAY.

### Charlotte Colored Population to Celebrate in Great Style.

The colored population of this city is preparing to celebrate Emancipation Day, January 1, in great style this year and an elaborate program for the occasion has been prepared by the committee in charge of the celebration.

The event of the day will be a big parade on the principal streets of the city, followed by an address at Grace A. M. E. church by Bishop G. W. Clinton.

The parade will form at the colored graded school under the direction of the chief marshal, A. J. Stewart and will begin to move at 11 o'clock. In the parade, Biddle University, Rowan Normal School, Episcopal High School, and some twelve or fifteen churches will be represented. The line of march will be up Myers to Seventh street, thence to North Tryon on to Independence Square, thence to Brevard street on to Grace church.

The program at the church will include the introductory remarks by Dr. J. T. Sanders, president of Biddle University, reading proclamation by Ralph Weddington, poem by R. B. Bruce and the annual Oration by Bishop Clinton.

Dr. G. W. Williams, will act as master of ceremonies. The parade promises to be one of the best the colored people have ever gotten up on a similar occasion.

## COLD WEATHER.

### It Prevails all Over the United States Today.

(By Associated Press.)

St. Paul, Dec. 26.—Sixteen below was the record of the local weather bureau today.

At Winnipeg, Manitoba, the thermometer went 40 degrees below, but is now rising. The cold here is accompanied by a stinging wind which made it more intense during the night.

Birmingham, Dec. 26.—A terrific fall of temperature occurred here during the past twenty-four hours. The thermometer stood 52 degrees above zero at noon yesterday, and by midnight it had fallen 40 degrees and at 9 o'clock this morning it stood at 17, which is the coldest this winter.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 26.—Jno. Weir, aged 45, was frozen to death today near Elmwood. George Baumgarten was found frozen to a tree here early today and had to be thawed loose by patrolmen. He was frozen so badly he cannot recover.

Boston, Dec. 26.—Heavy Northeast snowstorm began here today, strong wind driving in from sea contributed to conditions resembling a blizzard.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—The minimum temperature record by the weather bureau this morning was 19 degrees above zero, a fall of 37 degrees in the last twenty-four hours. An additional fall in the temperature is forecast for today and tonight. The cold wave is reaching to the South Atlantic and Gulf States.

## SECOND CHURCH SECURES MR. GILLON

### Rev. W. A. Gillon of Concord Has Been Selected to Carry Out the Church's Plans For an Enlarged Work in This City

At a meeting of the officers of the Second Church not long ago the offer was made to Rev. W. A. W. Gillon, of Concord, to labor in the Eastern part of the city with the view of building up another strong Presbyterian organization in that part of the city. Today Mr. Gillon announced his acceptance of the work, subject to the action of Concord Presbytery. The salary offered is fourteen hundred dollars.

Mr. Gillon is recognized as one of the most successful pastors in North Carolina. He is a native of Concord, was a graduate of Davidson and of Union Seminary, Virginia, and is a man of scholarship, eloquence and energy. His work in Concord, especially in the mill districts, has been signaled not only by the securing of a number of members but by the welding them into a well-trained body of workers. His work in the Sunday schools of his charge is characterized by the most thorough teaching and the response to this sort of work has been enthusiastic.

Mr. Gillon and his family will be welcomed to Charlotte and will be a notable addition to the social and religious life of the community. The new minister is expected about the middle of January.

## Washington, Dec. 26.—The situation in the far East has caused the officials of the State Department to renew their efforts to secure for the United States from China and Korea certain necessary trade advantages as embodied in a Chinese Commercial treaty, and minister Allen's demands upon the Korean government before the crisis becomes more acute. It is realized that should hostilities break out between Japan and Russia, the resulting peace treaty would probably leave the United States and other neutral nations entirely outside of the pale of advantage in the Korea and Manchuria, no matter which side victory turned. Therefore the State Department is bringing pressure to bear upon the Chinese Court to issue a speedy ratification of the trade treaty and other nations have indirectly been given to understand in this negotiation it is hoped that a final ratification of the treaty may be exchanged in Washington within three months at the outside.

## JAPAN IS BUYING WAR-SHIPS FOR COMING CONFLICT

### Japan is Negotiating with Chile for a Cruiser and a Battle-Ship--Baron Hayaishi Gives Important Interview.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 26.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean war-ships, the armored cruiser Esmeralda and another, probably the battleship Pratt, which is for sale. It is now only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of war-ships, are also in progress. Baron Hayaishi, the Japanese Minister, said to a representative of the Associated Press today relative to negotiations: "We want more ships. Of course this is only a precautionary measure, and it may be a lot of expense, all for nothing." "I have no indication of the nature of the Russian reply. Personally I scarcely expect it to be delivered for some little time. There is no truth whatsoever that Japan stipulated a time."

Asked about the dispatch to Berlin, Dec. 24, saying the British Government represented to the Czar that Great Britain deemed Japan's demands just, and earnestly expected Russia to grant them, Baron Hayaishi said while he was not aware of the precise action by Great Britain, at St. Petersburg, "Great Britain is well aware that Japan will be compelled to go to war unless Russia modifies the position taken up in her last note. At the foreign office nothing is yet known of the probable nature of Russian policy."

## Paris, Dec. 26.—It is learned authoritatively at headquarters, that Japan is about to send a large military force to Korea, for the purpose of restoring and maintaining order at disturbed ports. The departure of this force is imminent. It will probably consist of a division of 15,000 men. Japan has been assured that Russia will not consider the sending of troops to Korea to be an unfriendly act or a casus belli. It is anticipated that the departure of the troops will revive the war rumors.

During the recent exchanges between Russia and Japan the former fully recognized the need of the presence of a strong military authority on Korea and conceded that Japan was in the best position to promptly sent troops to the disturbed points. The sending of troops, nevertheless is construed as having an important bearing on the present negotiations as it will be the first conspicuous evidence of Japan's actual exercise of paramount authority over Korea. It is further said in the same quarters that preparations for this expedition were the cause of the recent great activity at Japanese arsenals and which is asserted has been erroneously ascribed to Persians in Russia.

News has been received here that Minister Lamson has personally received Japan's reply and that in view of its terms he is said to have expressed surprise at the reports of Japan's belligerent attitude. This is regarded as clearly showing the amicable spirit in which negotiations are pending.

New York, Dec. 26.—The volunteer fleet is on its way to Fort Arthur from Odessa, with over two picked recruits, says a Moscow dispatch to The Times. A transport also carries several Black Sea Naval officers, and a party of naval gunners.

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