Americans Lose Trade

Cancelling of Russian Orders Causes United States Officials Uneasiness.

Vicksburg incident Has Caused: Great irritation in St. Petersburg.

induced to do business with America after the Vicksburg incident.

Consul Watts has felt his duty to write to the American state department, pointing out the state of public feeling here, and he great prospective damage to American trade unless measures are taken to allay the irritation. Americans here believe that an official explanation of the Vicksburg incident would have an excellent effect. The government, officially, has not taken notice of the matter, being without direct official advices from the Far East on the subject. In government circles, however, it is seen plainly that Russian susceptibilities have been wounded and the fear is expressed that should Washington now disregard Russia and procure exequaturs for the newly appointed American consuls at Mukden and Antung from Pekin and attempt to send these officials to their posts, a really unpleasant incident might be created. Russia does not want to be placed in the position of refusing to allow those men to enter upon these duties, but with a state of war existing and commerce at a standstill military considerations are paramount, and Russia might consider herself warranted in interpreting such a course on the part of the United States to be political arather than commercial. The refusal of Russia to allow Mr. Morgan the newly appointed American consul at Port Dalny, to go to his post at present is based solely on the military situation which may compel all foreigners to leave Port Dalny.

The sincere hope is expressed that the United States will not embarras Russia

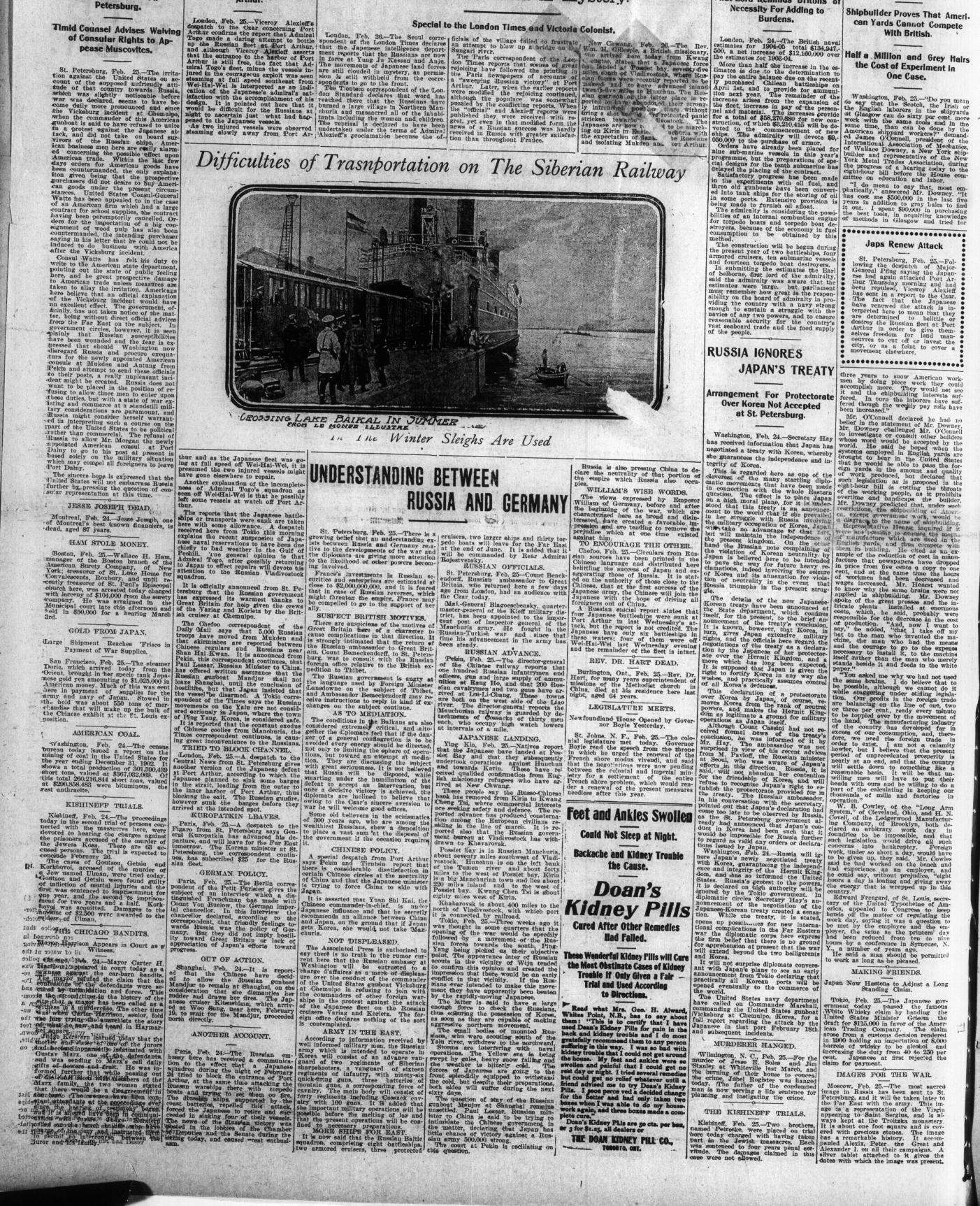
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Probable That Alexieff's Repor of Latest Action is Mis-

The Japanese Vessels May Have Been Left to Watch Port Arthur.

Daring Attempt THE ADVANCE ON SE

Russians Now in Force at Anju on The Road to Korean Capital But Movements of Japanese Troops Shrouded in Mystery.



Twelve Millions

Naval Increase

to Expenditure.

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Necessity For Adding to

JAPAN'S TREATY

Arrangement For Protectorate

Penalizing Enterprise

idmiralty Estimates For Year Provide For Large Additions Discussi n on An America . Bill to Make Working Oversime illegal.

Shipbuilder Proves That Ameri-

consumption to be obtained by this method.

The construction will be begun during the present year of two battleships, four armored cruisers, ten submarine vessels and fourteen torpedo boat destroyers.

In submitting the estimates the Earl of Selborne, first lord of the admiralty, said the admiralty was aware that the estimates were targe, but parliament must remember how great is the responsibility on the board of admiralty in providing the country with a navy strong enough to sustain a struggle with the navies of any two powers, and to ensure reasonable security for the country's vast seaboard trade and the food supply of the people.

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three years to show American work-men by doing piece work they could accomplish more. They would not see it and the shipbuilding interests suf-fered. In turn the laborers have suf-fered though the weekly pay rolls have been increased."

School Trustee Board

Report of Expenditure C tee is Submitted a Duly Adopted.

Trustee Boggs Introdu Motion to Establish Vic College Cadets.

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Trustee Boggs moved, seconded by Trustee Huggett, that the D. O. C. be aske to detail an officer to give instructio (without cost to the board) to a cade corps which is about to be organized by pupils under the name of the Victoria Coilege Cadet Corps, and that a committee be appointed to arrange for funds to remunerate the officer so to be detailed.

Trustee Boggs, in support of his motion spoke of the efforts made in past years to establish a cadet corps here. The difficulty formerly was that the boys must be over fourteen and under eighteen years of age. This, however, had been changed in the Canada Act, which enabled corps of this kind to be formed of lads under eighteen years of age. In Victoria Coilege a corps numbering fifty had been formed already, and the uniforms had already been sen for. The corps was desirons of having the support of the School Board. Mr. Boggs explained that the government furnished accourrements and instruction at the rifle range; an instructor would have to be paid for otherwise, and the instructor must be satisfactory to the officer commanding this military district.

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Trustee Hall said that as long as the specific monthly charge were retained he did not think that the resolution could carry. The board's finances would not permit of such an expenditure. The School Act did not give the board power to make provision for such purposes.

Supt. Eaton said that any expenditure outside the regular estimates would have to be approved of by the Department. He would not like to pass an opinion on the question as to whether this proposed expenditure came within the limits of the

Poor Mail Service—Residents of Cumberland, Comox district, are complaining of the poor mail service, and have forwarded a petition to the Postmaster-General asking that steps be taken to have a tri-weekly service on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The Farmers' Institute at Courtenay have also taken the matter up.

Island Mining-The coming seaso Island Mining—The coming season promises to be a very busy one in mining development on Vancouver island.

Mr. E. B. Shaw, a brother of the late N. P. Shaw, has taken to Ladysmith a trial shipment of ore from Alberni canal, for the Tyee smelter. The ore is low grade, but there are large quantities of it and it is easily shipped, the mines being on the water's edge. It is expected that the Tyee smelter will close down again in the course of a few days. The reports coming from the Majuba mines are still most satisfactory. The workmen are now down about 30 feet and report that the ore continues to improve as they go along. The S.S. Selkirk left Ladysmith on Wednesday for Van Anda and will shortly return with a cargo of ore for the smelter.

Cuatsino Development. — A narrow garge railway from the West Arm of Quatsino Sound to the copper-gold mines known as the June group, situated some three miles from salt water as the railroad will run, is to be built in the spring, according to a statement made by Mr. J. L. Stack, of Tacoma, one of the owners of the group. Arrangements are through the same of the construction of the railway. The owners of the June group also have under consideration the building of a hundred-ton stack smelter on the June group for the treatment of the ore of those mines. It has been determined after several trial shipments to smelters on Puget Sound, that it will pay to erect a smelter on the property. pay to erect a smelter out the property. It is for the purpose of hauling coke to the proposed smelter that the railroad is to be built, and not that ore may be hauled to salt water for transportation to the smelters.

A curious effect of light is seen in the fact that fish which live in deep waters, where the light can not penetrate, are usually dull in color, while those living n shallow water, to which the sunlight has free access, are bright of hue.