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terday from the Orient, which arrived yes-terday from the Orient, brought details of the public trial of a foreigner, one H. B. Collins, as a Russian spy. The charge of being "a Russian dog" is about the only accusation capable of Covered. Steamer M. S. Doller of this city, which was selzed by the Japanese off Hakkaldo when running the blockade to Vladivostock, was covered by insurance. The hull of the M. S. Dollar masses off Hakkaldo was covered by insurance. The hull of the M. S. Dollar was covered by a war risk policy amounting to \$200,000, and the cargo was also insured The steamer was the first to sail from this port with a cargo of contraband for Vladivostock. She was commanded by Captain C. H. Cross, who was formerly an officer on the sceamer to officer is M. Ridley, who at one time was master of the steamer Tacoma when she ran from Victoria to the Orient. John wike dr. formerly on the steamer. She carried a Chinese crew. A TRIDMPH OF DIPLOMACY. By Ambrose Bierce, (Copyright, 1904, by W. R. Hearst.) The Secretary of State [solus]: The Powers are made uneasy by this war; Its possibilities they all abhor, Each fearing some disaster may befall Ifreif that is not suffered by them all. Perhaps it would allay their terrors vague To call a second conference at The Hague. Moreover, I have found myself of late Somewhat forgotten in affairs of state. [Enter the Japanese Ambassador.] Welcome, your Highness. Would it please or plague To call a second conference at The Hague To call a second conference at The Hague To make an end of what we all deplore— Your holy war against the Russian-Boar? The Japanese Ambassador: Immortal statesman! I will straight com-mend A Runaway—Pedestrians along Gov-criment street yesterday afternoon at r 4:15 were given a little touch of excite-meut by a runaway, Gowen & Wrigles-worth's van "turning loose" in a break down Government street from Johneon street to the James Bay causeway. Hap-pily no traffic was in the way of the runaway and no mishap resulted. The excited horse was stopped at the north-erm end of the James Bay causeway without any damage being done to eith-or himself or the vehicle. Toronto University Exams—The uni-versity of Toronto will hold local exam-inatious in music early in June of this year in the branches of piano, violin, singing and theory. Copies of curricu-lum may be obtained at Waitt's music store. Amy further information may be obtained from Mrs. A. T. Watt, local pervesentative of the university. representative of the university. A manded the special charge of the special c Ship Salmon Ova—A report from Quatsino is to the effect that on a re-cent trip of the Queen City down the west coast 60,000 sockeye salmon ova were shipped to Winter harbor, Quat-sino sound. They were summide from a Dominion hatchery, and are mitended to, replenish the run of sockeye salmon in the Tenet river, which flows into Win-ter harbor.

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Jones and Knudson, in whose praise too much cannot be said for their faith ful perseverance and indefatigable ener-gy in the cause of Christianity through out the district over which they had jurisdiction. They received a very hear ty send-off by their co-religionists and were escorted to the boat by the army band playing appropriate music, and many were the kind wishes tendered them by fheir brethren on their leave-taking for their new field of labor, which is Rossland. The incoming officers have been acting in the capacity of traveling evangelists for some years in the inter-ests of Christianity, and are said to be very able and worthy officials in the cause. They will be tendered a compli-mentary reception this evening at the Salvation Army barracks to which all are welcome.

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spondents to leave the Shaho position

the present movement reported in the despatches of the last few days, is the beginning of the great struggle that must take place for Mukden. In his opinion the action was more or less of he nature of a reconnaissance in force The Japanese have strongly fortified the

ground, unlike South Africa, lends it-self to entrenchment in other weather conditions than prevail now. The com-manders of the divisions live just be-yond the range of the Russian guns, although occasionally the Russians, be-ing informed by Chinese spies where headquarters are located, land a shell among the commanding staff. From the divisional headquarters in most of the divisional headquarters in most of the divisions there are trenches and galler-ies, built in such a way that it is im-possible to enfilade them, leading to the first fighting line. In the double line of the trenches the occupants have made their winter homes. The majority of the force is encamped in the rearmost line of trenches, and these are honeycombed

steamer's officers say, the wagon have off with the couple. It is said they are men with bad re-cords and the Seattle police will probab-ly proceed against them. It is unlikely that they will be extradited. A TRIUMPH OF DIPLOMACY. By Ambrose Bierce. (Copyright, 1904, by W. R. Hearst.) The Secretary of State [solus]: The Powers are made uneasy by this war; it is possibilities they all abhor, Each fearing some disester may befall J Freif that is not suffered by them all. Moreover, I have found anyself of late Somewist forconter in affairs of state. posts have repulsed all attacks. There have been many attacks with this village as the objective since the battle of the Shaho. Nightly the rifle-men of the Czar concentrate a heavy fire on the position. In Mr. Whiting's opinion, they will be unable to capture the position, which is, more or less, a key one in the position over which the next battle is expected to be fought. More which is any for a set of the seven of the <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

War Artist Home

Fred Whiting of Daily Graphic Arrives by the Empress From Shaho.

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From The Front

Campaign.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Frederick Whiting, war artist and cor-

respondent of the Daily Graphic, of

London, who arrived by the steamer Empress of China from the front, went on to Eastern Canada this morning. Mr.

Whiting is the last of the British corre-

He Witnessed Many of Heavy **Battles Fought in Present**

before Mukden, he having remained in the trenches before the fortified posi-tions of Kuropatkin until December 26. Mr. Whiting does not consider that

the nature of a reconnaissance in force. The Japanese have strongly fortified the position they took up after the battle of the Shaho, and are comfortably set-tled in winter quarters, living snugly below ground for the most part. The Russians also are strongly fortified, and although the Russian outposts were con-tinually attacking and there was un almost constant rattle of musketry from different points along the long line, the big action, which will probably be the decisive battle of the war, will not take place until a break occurs in the wea-ther. The weather now has frozen the country up and made the ground like irou. Trenching is impossible, and any force leaving the fortifications in which they settled down would suffer very se-verely, as no defensive works could be carifed out while fighting. The trenches occupied by the Japa-nese forces which Mr. Whiting accom-panied, are built on a system which en-gineers who have seen them regard as the most scientific seen to date. The ground, unlike South Africa, leuds it-self to entrenchment in other weather conditions than preyafl now. The com-