the effect of the hombardment, but saw huge columns of smoke arising from time carried half pound tins of meat. Eighty

In the meantime the Japanese cruiser destroyers at the foot of Laotche Hill rations of meat for a battalion. The and gave chase. One of the destroyers army takes with it a quantity of sodium escaped, but the other was pursued into | t Pigeon bay, where it was sunk.

Vice-Admiral Kamimiura reports that i Vice-Admiral Kamimiura reports that in addition six emergency rations of rice the Japanese fleet sustained no damage, which weigh very little.

THURSDAY'S ENGAGEMENT.

Russian Correspondent Says It Is Believed Japs Suffered Heavy Loss.

thur correspondent of the Russ telegraphs as follows: "On the morning of February 25th a the Siberian line. Japanese squadron, consisting of six M. Alexandrovisky, who is to take 67 sailors in the crews and all volumbattleships and four light cruisers, ap-

position within a cable's length, about four and a quarter miles, of the Russian ships, opened an attack. At this time two of our torpedo boats were returning to our torpedo ships from Pipeon bay.

cut them off. Nevertheless one of the tor- to the Greek church." pede hoats succeeded in reaching port, while the other turned back. The scene of the battle was thus cut in two, Jappanese battleships cannonading the cruisers, which were supported by the flatteries, and the cruisers pursuing the Russian torpedo boat which entered Pigeon bay.

associations.

Prince Arsene Karageorgevitch, brother of the King of Servia, has been gazetted a captain of Trans-Baikal Costant and it is expected that

"The cannonade lasted 40 minutes, and several shells fell at various points in the fortress. One Chinaman was mortally Port Arthur, in spite of their repeated

of the Japanese appeared to be defective. While turning back to sea the Japanese battleships got bunched, and our ships did could clearly see shells bursting amidst under the guns of the fortifications. the tremendous target.

are false. The commander adds that the Askold is quite sound.

ALEXIEFF'S DISPATOH

Says Russians Had Only One Man Wounded-Jap Shells Fell Short.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.-The Czar has

enemy's torpedo boat flotilla. They sight-

cut off by four Japanese cruisers, sought | stock." shelter in Dove bay, where it was sub-

jected to a long distance fire by the

emy. It had no casualties.
"The Japanese fleet, on sighting our cruisers, came in closer to the forts which, together with our warships, opened fire at 1.050 yards. Our cruisers still firing, entered the harbor, which our torpedo boats had already safely reached.
"The enemy's shells for the most part fell short. One seaman was wounded,

but we sustained no other casualties. "The Japanese fleet consisted of seven teen large warships and eight to boats, whereas the squadron which attempted to block the entrance to Port tempted to block the entrance to Port Gives Sets of Books, Profits From Sale to Go to Soldiers. torpedo boats.

00 THE LAND CAMPAIGN.

The Japs Ready to Fall on Russians ould They Invade Korea.

New York, Feb. 27 .- The Tokio corlent of the World says: "As the result of many conversation with the military authorities it can be stated that the preliminaries of the Jap anese campaign on land have developed so far as to render practically impo sible a formidable invasion of Korea by Russia. Japan's present position

churia when operations begin there.
"The Mikado's hold on Korea is tresouth of the Yalu river are held by his army. At the same time large forces are ready to fall on either or both sides of the Russian army should the Czar's nce a southward advance on a grand scale. The Japanese have thus to a certain extent cornered a part of the Russian army at least.

"But it must not be supposed that the Japanese will pursue a policy of masterly inactivity. On the contrary, they intend to initiate offensive operations the moment the weather improves, and the har-

bors are free from ice. "At present the theatre of hostilities is swept by blizzards; caution above all is the keynote of the Japanese military

Scoul, Korea, duly praise the excellence of the Japanese arrangements for the transport of their commisariat. General Allan, of the United States army, who came here from the Philippines to abserve the military operations; says the equipment of the commisariat of the commisariat of the point it was proposed to sink them, and equipment of the commisariat of the commisariat

threw shells over the hills into the har- Japanese infantry is splendidly adapted that the Russian guns disabled three of Pflug reports that Russian mounted Cook's Cotton Root Compound. The Japanese were unable to determine them. The arrangements for feeding the the effect of the hombardment, but saw troops are perfect. With the troops are of these tins are packed in a box and three of these boxes make a load for a horse. So four horses can carry enough to purify drinking water. Each soldier carries two rations of cooked rice, and

RUSSIANS PUZZLED.

Japanese Keep Authorities Guessing as to Object of Naval Operations.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—The Port Arbar sand cars from the Russian-European Yamaga, Tomitaro, Kurita, Yasou and bur correspondent of the Russ telessystem, especially fitted for the trans-Minamisawa, and Assistant Engineers

The desperate manner in which the Russian fleet is destroyed.

wounded by a splinter and one by a repulses, has convinced the military au- Japan and Korea have signed a protocol thorities here that their main object for the present is to hopelessly cripple the of Great Britain and the United States not fail to take advantage of this fact. is carefully guarding against exposing have been pressing for concess They opened a running fire, and one his ships, keeping them in the harbor may be affected by the alter-A doubt exists as to whether the Jap-

"The clumsy movement on the part of the Japanese are considered as affording Arthur and invest the city. The authorithe Japanese are considered as affording weighty reason for the belief that the enemy's losses were heavy. A Japanese but the opinion continues to be that the Japanese engineers have left for Che and seize the fortress. The general deboat lies on a bank off Fort Japanese will not hazard a landing at this stage of the game. The only suit-"It is apparently one of those which participated in the night attack with the freighters.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of honor and from their obstinate attacks and bombardments of the Echo De Paris quotes a high officer of the Russian general staff as saying that if a landing is attempted on the correct of the Russian general staff as saying the same only conclude that the complete reports of the latest enemy will make every effort to capture cruiser Askold, at Port Arthur, all rum-ors regarding the sinking of his vessel posed to fire from the shore.

No news is being received here conwith the approval of the military censors. received the following from Viceroy the time of filing this dispatch nothing Alexieff, dated Port Arthur, February had been obtainable concerning the re-

morning of February 25th, the Retvizan repelled several attacks by the enemy's Washington dispatch saying the United torpedo boats, two of which are believed States has undertaken to lay a subto have sunk in the open sea.

"Our forpedo boats, under captain of the first rank, Matusutvich, and captain of the second rank, Prince Lieu, unsupported, encountered and pursued the ported, encountered and pursued the rank of the second rank, Prince Lieu, unsupported, encountered and pursued the rank of the second ton "for this new evidence of its breach been of neutrality," the paper claiming that gan. ed no large warships.

"Later in the morning of February 25th the cruisers Bayan, Diana, Askold the laying of the cable will be undertaken that Russia's plan of campaign contemplates the retreat of the Russian templates the retreat of the Russian templates the retreat of the Japanese Japanese cruisers from pursuing a por- "does not clear America's skirts," and troops without opposing the Japanes tion of our returning torpedo boat inquiring "what the Americans would tilla.

"One of our torpedo boats, which was Kiao Chou to Port Arthur or Vladivo- and Port Arthur will be relieved.

NOT REQUIRED.

Russian Ministry of Finance Declines Offers of Banks to Float Loan.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.-The minstry of finance, it is stated, has again declined firmly the offers of several groups of leading foreign banks to float a Russian loan, on the ground that there

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.-Count Leo Polstoi has contributed a thousand sets of his works, the profit from the sale of which is to be expended for the benefit of the croops taking part in the campaign

THE RUSSIAN COMMANDER.

Gen. Kouropatkin Leaves For the Front in About Ten Days.

Coskov, Russia, Feb. 27.-General Kouropatkin, the commander-in-chief of the Russan army in the Far East, who about a rather thorough survey of the been gained by strategy and arrived here to-day to bid farewell to his situation throughout Europe, and disskill of the highest order. This position aged mother before leaving for the Far can be changed only by most disastrous | East, received an ovation at the railroad | reason to expect European complications, reverses to the Japanese arms in Man- station where he was greeted by the the military activities at various points governor and deputations from the no-bility, the city officials and the commandmendously strong because all the roads ers of the troops garrisoned here. Gen. Kouropatkin will start for the front in about ten days.

> STOPPED BY RUSSIANS. Another British Steamer Reports Being Interfered With.

Island of Perim, Red Sea, Feb. 27. The British steamship Benaldier, which sailed from London on February 6th for authorities had taken note that the re-Yokohama, passed here this afternoon ports emanated from high Japanese and signalled that she was stopped by a sources, but the official declared the Russian warship in the Red Sea.

BRITISH SHIPS TAKEN.

Tokio, Feb. 27.—The official report of Foreign military experts, according to the naval forces who attempted to block the entrance of the harbor of Port Archael the entrance of the morning of February 24th Roumania after taking advantage of

for the work the troops have before them. The arrangements for feeding the troops are perfect. With the troops are steamers were not picked up until the afternoon of the 24th.

Naval officers commanded and 'jackies" manned the five steamers that were sunk at the entrance to Port Arthur harbor last Wednesday morning. Merchant crews volunteered for the danger ous undertaking, but their services were not accepted. Vice-Admiral Togo desiring to entrust the perilous mission t

. The naval officers who commande the five merchantment were Commander Ryoketsu Arima, Lieut.-Commander Taker Hirose, Lieut. Schichigoro Sailo, Lieut. Yoshira, Chief Engineers Daizo, portation of troops, are being sent to Chinao, Oshioshi, Masando and Sugi handled the five engines. There were peared on the horizon. The Russian cruisers Askold, Bayan and Novik were in the outer harbor.

"The Japanese ships, upon attaining a linguistic of the Slavs to come under the linguistic of the steamers."

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The Novoe Vremya says the Slav pronument of the batteries of the enemy. The rescue of the entire crews surprised the Japanese. The steamers

the Slavs enjoy constitutional governing to but the Slavs enjoy constitutional governing from Pipeon bay.

"All the Japanese cruisers attempted to ment, and in many cases do not belong unteer crews who participated in the Ping Yang. dangerous mission. It is expected that

Great interest is felt here as to how the powers will receive the news that Russian fleet in order to secure absolute Belgian, French and German subjects freedom in the disembarkation of troops. For this reason the Russian commander panies conducted officially by Russia his ships, keeping them in the harbor may be affected by the altered status o Japanese and Korean relations.

The Russian Plan.

Paris, Feb. 28.-The Tokio corres ulpo, Korea, to endeavor to raise the clares that the Japanese consider the ussian cruiser Variag. Russian cruiser Variag.

and that if a landing is attempted on the without knowing the occasion of it."

According to a telegram received here from the commander of the Russian that on account of the shore, and the troops would have to march miles through mul and low were the formation in possession of the government shows that the miles through mul and low were the formation in possession of the government shows that the miles through mul and low were the formation in possession of the government shows that the miles through mul and low were the first business a high officer of the Russian general staff as saying that complete reports of the latest ports would be unable to come close to land, and that on account of the shore, and the troops would have to march miles through mul and low were the first business and bombardment of the care only conclude that the complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying that complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying that complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying that complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying that complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying that complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying that complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying that complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying that complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying the care only conclude that the complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying the care only conclude that the complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying the care only conclude that the complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying the care only conclude that the complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying the care only conclude that the complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying the care only conclude that the complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying the care only conclude that the complete reports of the Russian general staff as saying the care only conclude that the care o cerning the operations at Vladivostock, official dispatch shows that one Japan We must fight to the finish, as I, the whence, under the viceroy's order, the ese torpedo boat destroyer was sunk, commandant, will never give an order to telegrams are forbidden except from and the best information at Chefoo indispute the surrender. I bring this to the notice of cates that three such vessels were lost.

'I confirm the previous reports," the come convinced of the necessity of fight The exact whereabouts of the Russian correspondent quotes this officer as say-Vladivostock squadron is not known, but ing, "that upon the transports which menaced the battleship Retvizan our There is no way out. On three sides electrician discovered wires leading to there is the sen, and on the fourth there bit:

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"After the moon had set early in the orthing of February 25th, the Retvien" near Vladivostock.

The Bourse Gazette today publishes a must continue to watch in order to lights of the Japanese scouting vessels.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of been in the Red Sea since the war be

landing, and when sufficient reinforce

ments arrive, the offensive will be taken Movement of Troops. Moscow, Feb. 27.-According to th atest information in high military circ

Russian infantry has occupied the road between Liau Yang, on the railroad fr Mukden to Port Arthur and the Yalu river, its front and flanks being strongly upported. The right flank is at Taku Shan, and the left near the town Wiju. The Russian cavalry crossed the Yalu river between Antung and Yongampho, and occupied the road toward Suk Chon, and Cossack scouts advanced long the greater and lesser caravan routes.

Unfounded Stories.

Paris, Feb. 27.-Reports of interna onal entanglements growing out of the war continue to occupy a prominent place in the sensational branch of the press. But, within a week, the officials of the government who are in close and constant touch with the cabinets of other capitals have satisfied themselves: First-That no international complica ons are imminent, or likely at least

for the present. Second That France is in no prese or prospective danger of being embroiled in an international conflict.

closed that there is yet no immediate being the natural result of an outbreak between the two great powers. The auhorities are now firmly convin France will not have her hand forced by international agitation nor externa emplications.

An official said to-day that the new Korean-Japanese treaty had been the occasion for putting out a number of reports calculated to foment discord between France and Korea, and perhaps force the hands of France in relation French policy was definitely fixed to maintain neutrality and to refrain from the slightest active participation in the war, and this will not be changed by the

which penetrated Korea had an encount er with a detachment of the Japanese and that the latter were compelled to retire. A body of cavalry and infantry started in pursuit with an order to

cupy Northern Korea.

ANOTHER REPORT Russian Cavalry Said to Have Retired After Sharp Fusilade.

Seoul, Feb. 29.—Details of a skirmist at Ping Yang last Friday show that 50 Russian cavalrymen approached the Japanese camp and fired. A sharp fusfiade took place and the Russians retired.

JAPS IN KOREA One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Men Have Arrived at Seoul

To Date. New York, Feb. 29 .- A cable from Chefoo to the Herald says that 120,000 Japanese troops have arrived at Secul up to the present date, consisting of cavalry and infantry, but with no artillery. Altogether 80,000 men have passlery. Altogether 80,000 men have passed Scoul and 30,000 through Wonsan within a fortnight, northward bound via

The harbor of Chemulpo and the approaches to the mouth of the Han river leading to Seoul, are filled with sub merged torpedoes. The army base being thereby protected from a sea attack, Japan fully controls Korea and the government is rendering assistance in the military operations. The Korean army barracks and also the disused Imperial palace are used as quarters for Japan-ese troops. There is much talk also of the offensive and defensive alliance be tween Japan and Korea.

FIGHT TO THE DEATH. Commander of Port Arthur Says He

Will Never Give Order to Surrender. Port Arthur, Feb. 28.—General Stoess mmander of the garrison here, has issued a general order directing the at-tention of the troops and inhabitants to

February, three Japanese vessels were know, and the inhabitants are herewith sunk in addition to the transports. An informed by me, that we will not yield. correspondent quotes this officer as say- ing to the death. Those who leave with out fighting will not save themselve

are visible in the offing during the night There has been no change in the sit-

M. Deroulede Says French Minister General Conflagration.

Paris, Feb. 29 .- Paul Deroulede, the Royalist refugee, who has been living in Spain since his expulsion in 1900, has been interviewed by the corresponden of the Matin at San Sebastian. He said that at the present moment when he was friends in the Chamber of Deputies to keep silence, it was not fitting for him to talk, but he upheld the principle that France must honor her agagements at whatever cost. He. wever, postnoned until later any dision as to whether a pact signed by he President of the republic was really in the interest of the nation. ever," he added, "Foreign Minister Deleasse seems to act with a circumspection which lacks neither skill nor natriotism

A Quart Baby.

Now and again there is an item in the newspapers concerning the birth of a puny baby so small that a quart cup holds it comfortably. If the article told all the facts it would probably tell also of a mother who in weakness and misery had lead for the same of t had looked forward to the baby's advent with shrinking and fear.

To have fine, healthy children the mother must be healthy, and it is the

common testimony of mothers that the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription not only pro motes the mother's health but also gives her strength to give her child. "Favorite Pre-

scription" accom-plishes these results by tranquilizing ing a healthy appetite, and giving refreshing sleep. It increases physical vigor and gives great muscular elasticity, so that the baby's advent is practically

painless. It is the best of tonics for nursing mothers. "I gladly recommend Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. J. W. G. Stephens, of Mila, Northumberland Co., Va. "Before my third little boy was born I took six bottles. He is the finest child and has been from birth, and I suffered very much less than I ever did before. I unhesitatingly advise expectant mothers to use the 'Favorite Prescription.'"

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"It is evident to me that M. Delcasse is doing his best to prevent a general conflagration in which we could only burn our fingers to the great delight, and greater profit, of the German Emperor It is impossible not to see that Em peror William urged Russia to undertake this Asiatic campaign which temporarily draws the Russian forces out of Europe as Bismarck formerly urged France to undertake colonial expeditions. The result the Emperor indirectly aims at is to coalesce Europe against Great Britain and, if necessary, against the United States, insuring a monopoly for German commerce by the destruction of ri-

vals beyond the seas."

M. Deroulede added that it was an M. Deroulede added that it was an accident. The announcement was made popen question whether Europe would be as the result of a checking up of names nature of the fire and turned in a gencapable of overcoming the combined by the police. Anglo-American fleet, but that at all events the French coasts and the French colonies would be the first sufferers.
Minister Delcasse understood this, said
M. Deroulede, and therefore it would be a mistake not to allow his liberty of

DEFENDING PORT ARTHUR. Fortifications to Be Increased-Guard-

ing Railway and Telegraph Lines. Paris, Feb. 29.—The St. Petersburg rrespondent of the Echo de Paris, says orders have been telegraphed to Port Arthur that the place be fortified and defended as completely as possible.

The correspondent adds that he learns that no Russian vessel will leave the Black Sea, contrary to rumors appearing in foreign papers. The Manchurian railway and the telegraph lines are ad-mirably guarded from Port Arthur to Mukden, and from Mukden to Harbin The correspondent further says he is assured from high quarters that nothing is known concerning the rumor that Foreign Minister Lamsdroff is to be re

to Denmark. RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

placed by the present Russian minister

Mail and Passenger Cars For Port Arthur to Be Attached to Military Trains.

Paris, Feb. 29.—The Matin's correspondent at Harbin see that the last passenger train to be sent southward over the Trans-Siberian railway left yesterday, and that henceforth all mail and passenger cars for Port Arthur will be attached to the military trains. Traffic northward continues to be regular. The correspondent adds that snow is ing abundantly, after several fine days.

BLOCKADING VLADIVOSTOCK. Harbor Has Been Closed by Japanese

Pleet Since Thursday. London, Feb. 29.—Vladivostock has been blockaded by a Japanese fleet since Thursday, according to a dispatch received here.

BY ORDER OF THE CZAR. Steamers Taken to Suez by Russians

Have Been Released. Suez, Feb. 29.—The Russian cruise Aurora, with five torpedo boats, has arand Frankby, from Barry for Hong-Both of them and also the Norwegian steamer Maltilda, from Penarth Sasebo, also laden with coal, have been eleased by order of the Czar.

WATCHING CHINESE.

St. Petersburg Paper Says Russians Are Guarding Against Sudden Attack. St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—Discussing the titude of China, the Sivet says it considers China is a secret ally of Japan, and that "like America and Great Britain she will do everything pos-sible to injure Russia."

The Sivet anticipates China eventual- assistance was sent from Scranton and will become an open enemy, and says other points. the Russian authorities in the Far East are already taking precautionary measures toward any sudden attack on the part of the Chinese.

MILITARY OBSERVER. Capt. Thacker, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, Will be Attached to Japanese Army.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—Capt. H. C. Thack-r, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, quebec, and a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, has been appointed to be attached to the Japanese army in the war now going on between Japan and Russia, with a view of observing the military operations. The report of Capt. Thacker will be used for educational purposes in Canada. ason for sending an artillery officer is that the infantry got good experience from the South African campaign, while the present war is likely to be one for rtillery. Capt. Thacker is a garrison artillery man. He resided in Toronto r a number of years. He was rec ended by Lord Dundonald, and Sin Frederick Borden, who has just returne from Boston, has approved the report.

PORTAGE WATER SCHEME.

Winnipeg, Feb. 29.-Mayor Brown, o ortage la Prairie, has left on a trip to Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. the east he will discuss the financing of the waterworks scheme for Portage and will probably secure a definite proposition from Dominion financiers

TWO MEN KILLED

Scaffold on Which They Were Working Collapsed and Victims Fell 250 Feet.

Chicago, Ills., Feb. 26 .- A triple floor scaffold in the dome of the new post office suddenly collapsed this afternoon, carrying fifteen men into the first floor of the building, Scores of policemen and firemen were quickly summoned to clear firemen were quickly summoned to clear away the debris, and permit the recovery of the bodies.

The helpless fifteen victims had a

heer descent of 250 feet through space The men were at work on the big scaffold, fluishing up the decorations on the interior of the dome. There is a space beneath extending to the first floor, and it was down this hole, through all the floors, that tons of splintered wood sur-rounding the men fell with a crash. About one hundred plasterers and laborers were at work in and about the dome when the accident occurred. The scaffold which fell was one of the largest ever built of its kind in Chicago, and is said to have contained a hundred thousand square feet of timber and lumber.
Although ten companies of firemen were soon at work with axes on the wedge-like mass of smashed and splinfered timber, the work of recovering the bodies was necessarily slow.

Despite the fact that occupants of adjoining scaffolds declared fifteen men ed in the entire front of the store was a were entrapped, the announcement was mass of flames. The fire department remade later that only two perished in the accident. The announcement was made Jaynes realized at once the dangerous

AUSTRIA PREPARES

WILL CO-OPERATE WITH RUSSIA IN BALKANS

The Albanian Revolt is Spreading-Turkey Massing Troops on the Frontier of Servia.

New York, Feb. 26.-According to a cable to the Herald from their Berlin correspondent, Austria expects to have to intervene in the Balkans in co-operation

Orders have been issued to prepare for the mobilization of the army. Commanders of the army corps have been told to grant no leave to officers, and horses liable to requisition have been in the architect's office in the tenth floor, called in and military, railway and transport officers have been already appointed.

Telegrams received in Berlin to-day from Belgrade announce that there is no fruth in the Constantinople dispatches announcing that the Albanian revolt has been crushed. On the contrary, it is spreading daily. The Albanians are threatening to attack the Servian monastery of the Holy Patriarch and the

is again concentrating large masses of cold this winter has frozen up many of ntier has caused great excitement in Belgrade.

BURIED IN SNOWSLIDE. Well Known Guide Lost His Life in

Northern Montana Winnipsg, Feb. 24,-John A. Street, son of Mayor Street, of the city, was overwhelmed in a snowslide in northern Montana a few days ago. Street was with a party of hunters, including Messrs. Redpath and Powell, of Monrived here. The British coal laden treal, and was considered one of the best steamers Ettrickdale, from Sabang, guides in the Rockies. He joined the Mounted Police when fifteen years of kong, were brought here by the age, and was thirty-eight years of age Russian vessels which captured them. at the time of his death. None of the party was injured.

> HEAVY LOSS. Seventeen Buildings at Nicholson, Pa.

Destroyed by Fire. Scranton, Pa., Feb. 25 .- Fire to-day destroyed the business portion of the town of Nicholson, twenty miles west of here. Seventeen buildings, all of them frame structures, were burned, causing a loss estimated at \$40,000. An over-heafed stove in the residence of Dr. Keller was the cause of the fire. There is no fire apparatus in Nicholson, and

-A rumor has gained some currency in the city to-day that the cruiser Bonaventure, new on its way to join the naval squadron stationed at Esquimalt, had gone ashore. There appears to be no foundation for the report. The naval authorities at Esquimalt, as far as can be learned, have received nothing to that . It is therefore believed to be but an idle rumer.

EX-PRESIDENT KRUGER. Gen. Viljoen Has Received News That He is Slowly Dying.

Mentone, France. AUSTRALIAN PREFERENCE. Ottawa, Feb. 29.—A report from Can-ada's trade agent in West Australia

says that the preference Australia will give Canada will likely be 10 per cent.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION. Ottawa, Feb. 29.-Mr. Bell, who was injured recently by falling down an elevator shaft, is in a serious condition

and is not expected to recover. PROFESSOR WELTON DEAD.

Toronto, Feb. 29 .- Prof. D. M. Wel-

ROCHESTER SCENE OF CONFLAGRATION

BROKE OUT IN HEART OF BUSINESS SECTION

Buildings Destroyed-Effort to Check Flames-Damage Estimated at Over \$4,000,000.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26.-The worst conflagration 'n the history of Rochester oroke out a few minutes before 5 o'clock this morning in the basement of the Rochester Dry Goods Company's store at 156-166 Main street, East. The fire which, according to the night watchman in the store, was discovered soon after it started, spread with such rapid-

By this time the fiames had spread to the building occupied by the dry goods firm of Beadle & Sherburne Company. Chief Little arrived on the scene shortly after the general alarm sounded. He realized that the flames were beyond the control of the local department, and appeals for more fire apparatus were sent to the chiefs of the Buffalo and Syracuse departments. Nearly five hours later four steamers

arrived from Syracuse, and within an hour after being discovered the fire had spread to the big granite building occu-pied by the firm of Sibley, Lindsay & Curr, and by hundreds of business and professional men. Flames also spread to the buildings in the rear of the granite The extreme cold made the fire fight-

ing difficult and hazardous, as the lad-ders were coated with ice. Assistant Chief Jaynes was struck on the head The loss is estimated between four and five millions of dollars, most of which falls on the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co., the Beadle & Sherburne Co., the Rochester Dry Goods Co., and the Walkover Shoe Co. The loss to the business offices

n the granite building cannot be estimated at this writing. The plans and estimates for the mammoth new block that the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co. contemplated building in the spring are destroyed. The plans and estimates

Still Raging. Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26.-The great fire that started in the heart of the business district of this city this morning is still raging fiercely. The weather is ideal for fighting the fire, as there is The news that the Turkish government not working as they should. The extreme e mains, and for the past two weeks the firemen have been engaged in thaw-

> lack of proper apparatus this work has At 7 o'clock Chief Little and Commis-Public Safety Gilman telegraphed to Buffalo and Syracuse for as-

ing out the pipes. On account of the

The chief of the fire department at 8.45 said he believed the fire could be kept within the block extending from St. Paul to North streets, unless the wind should change and set fire to the buildings on the south side of Main street. In this event a large part of the residential section would have to go. The fire is reported to have started in the basement of the Rochester Drygoods Company. A fuse connected with the electrical motor that runs the elevator blew out, and the next moment the flames were rushing up the elevator, and the building wrap-

although the fire department are san guine that they can prevent its spread-The fire started before many people were on the street, but the news soon spread, and by 6 o'clock there were thousands crowding the scene of disaster. The explosions of dynamite that the firemen used to check the spread of the flames could be heard in all section of the city, and this noise was supple mented by the thunder of crashing walls.

Commissioner of Public Safety Gil-

At 9 o'clock the fire is burning fiercely

o'clock) at between five and six millions. Assistant Chief Injured. Rochester, Feb. 26.-The fire is reported to have started in the basement of the Rochester Drygoods Company at 4.30 The fire spread to the Walkover Shoe Co., just east on the Rochester Drygoods Company, and this building is entirely

At 9.15 Assistant Chief Jacques was

man estimates the loss at this hour (9

severely injured by a fall. His head was cut open. He was removed to the hos-St. Louis. Feb. 29 .- A letter received So far there has been no loss of life, by Gen. Viljoen, the former Boer commander, announces that former President although there have been several maculous escapes from falling walls at

aculous escapes from falling walls and flying debris. Estimate of Loss. Rochester, Feb. 26.-Insurance ow estimate the loss at from \$4,000,000

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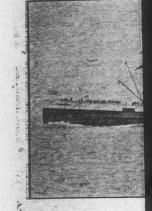
Murder After Committed Suicide By Blowing His Brains Out.

Buffalo, Feb. 26 .- Henry L. Schwartz, of Baker & Schwartz, attorneys, was shot in his private office in the Marine building to-day, by H. A. Knowles, of the dry goods firm of Knowles & Gardner. Knowles, after holding the police at bay for a few moments, turned the ton, professor of Hebrew in McMaster revolver on himself and blew his brains University for the last twenty years, is out. Schwartz died in the hospital at

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'Frisco Liner B Lost Th

Port Townsend, Feb. encountered by any ship steamer Queen arrived a Before she landed, the stern of the vessel was l hundreds of people were Briefly, the tale of th The Queen was boun south of the Columbia rive This was a few min A. H. Brown, a farm



awakened by the smoke, a the deck. He then went ing in windows as he wen But a few minutes

fire fighting commenced The entire aft portion crew set to work with a v It required five hours In the meantime mos women aboard, some fort As the heroic workers called the boats back, and

two boats succeeded in rea Two boats were swan Three waiters who sl safety turned in the wrong All the pasengers spe

Marine men who exar amazed that the fire was The entire dining sa from the stern forward is Those who suffered de MISS STEINER, Cle MRS. C. ADAMS, an

A. NIELSON, J. NEI PETER NUHN and W. HEINEMAN and M. SOMERS, H. DO death. Total fourteen.

D. E. NEWBERRY a

The Queen carried one

Company.

ANOTHER ACCOU Fire Broke Out in Dinin Heroic Conduct of

Seattle, Feb. 28.-Steam

Capt. Cousins, took fire fro

known cause at 4 o'clock merning, 30 miles off Little mook light. Three steward ed to death in the glory other lives were lost from a one woman died from exp fire was put out after seven work on the part of the cre sel arrived here under her or 5 o'clock this afternoon. aft, the estimated loss being The fire was discovered it hall aft, where it originated rapidly, but the coolness of prevented a panic. The pass ed forward in their night As it appeared that the doomed four lifeboats , wit and children were launche sized in launching while n drowning four of the crew. got away, but one founder lumpy sea, drowning a nur pants. The boats stood by taken aboard when the fire The steamer was headed in while the fire was fought. engineer and first officer too two lines of fire hose. The third engineer worked in the at the pumps, part of the ti in wet cloths owing to the The vessel answered her help tense that the tiller ropes we for hours. The huge iron nearly melted in the after

The stewards burned in reach the upper deck by through the dining hall were H. Douglas and A. Donnell The passengers drowned Steiner, Cleelum, Wn.; D. E.

and H. Buckley.

Crew drowned: J. Nelson,
and A. Neilson, deck har