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Sir William Congratulated.

William Maclean, Logan and other members congratulated Sir William Mulock on his stand, but expressed the opinion that he should go farther and include the telegraphs in the enquiry Mayor Barnard has arrived here to active the subscription of Japan's claim for a certain legislation.

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admitting his statement was incorrect.
Mr. Bizpatrick again and made him take back the statement that Quebec petitions eman-ated from gentlemen on the Conservative side of the House. Cornered once more, Mr. Fitzpatrick claimed he never uttered the words, a statement which was challenged by many members. The upshot of the discussion was only to create bad blood and for this Mr. Fitzpatrick largely was responsible.
Proposed School Compromise.
Parliament is all agog now as to the government will propose on the school question. Sir Wilfrid Laurtes has been in conference with Mons. Sbaretti, papal delegate, on several occasions this week. The church autor ther strongly opposed to any recession from the original proposition.
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Peace Proposals Disappear.

and as marking the first Japanese pos-session of Asiatic territory hitherto held by a European power. The effect of the Japanese advance to Harbin will be to control the trans-Si-berian railroad and the entire sweep of costorn Siberia including. Vladivostok

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Kansas City, Mo., March 18.—A spe-cial to the Star from Independence, Kansas, says: "When the convention of oil producers of Kansas was called to order here today to map out its fight against the Standard Oil Com-pany, there were 3,000 persons pres-ent. The organization effected early in the winter at Torocks to ficht for

in the winter at Topeka to fight for legislation was made permanent. Many speeches were delivered today, devoted strictly to the business end of the situation. While the Standard Oil company was denounced, the pro-lucers did not lose sight of the fac

ducers did not lose sight of the fact that in order to win their fight they must act. Among the delegates were several leading state legislators. Gover-nor Hoch was the centre of attention. Ida M. Tarbell was also received en-thusiastically. Among those present were former Governor North of North Dkaota, and Frank S. Monett, of Ohio.

TEN MEN KILLED IN MINES.

Explosion in Virginia Causes Grea Destruction to Life and Property.

Charleston, W. Va., March 18.—An explosion occurred at the mines of the New River Smokeless Coal and Coke Company at Rush Run tonight, in which ten men were killed.

The explosion was in the Rush Run nine and extended through to the Red

Ash mine, nearly two miles away, and great flames of fire burst out of the mouths of both mines. There were about five men in eac

mine who stayed there at night to take care of the mine, and all were kill-ed. The interior of the mines are in such a state at this hour that it is im-contained for our protections of the state ossible for anyone to enter to investi-

EARTHQUAKE IN NAPLES.

Repeated Shocks Cause Panic Near the City. New York, March 18.—A. Naples despatch to the Herald says repeated shocks of earthquakes were felt here today (Friday) and at Aveilino and Benevento. In several places the in-habitants fell into a panic but no ser-jours damage resulted.

Part of Great Scheme.

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Although the deal just closed is sub-sidiary to the greater transcontinental railway enterprise, it is none the less a part of that scheme. The one is intim-ately connected with the other, and from a provincial point of view the transac-tion may be considered as an indication that the Grand Trunk Pacific managers are not impervious to the legitimate claims of British Columbia upon their attention. In fact it has been intimated on very good authority that the possi-bility of coal demands, not only from prospective markets along the line, but from railway steamship lines within prospective creation of the company, were contemplated in the purchase. The preliminary exploitation of the new coal beds will be vigorously proceeded with in the near future, and operations will be enlarged or otherwise as seems justi-fiable by the conditions which may be created by the advent of the big trans-Canad line.

The energetic development of these coal measures of course largely depends upon the creation of markets which would follow the construction of the line.

Railway Accident.

Capt. S. F. Scott Victim Of Train

Oddly enough, Mr. Stevenson is now in Well-Known and Adventurous Victoria on a visit, and with Captain Locke, was one of the first to hear of the tragic death of the gallant old sea dog whom they both knew so favorably and Commander Meets Death In

by main force subjected the bully of the company to an unwelcome voyage. In Liverpool he was set upou by a number of "sluggers," purposely employed to do him up. The onslaught occurred on the docks, near his vessel, and the captain spurning the odds against him, supplied a company of his crew with cultasses "to enforce the Marquis of Queensberry rules," and pounded the whole gang of his would-be assailants in turn. So much so that each and every one of them had to be carried off the wharf. The late Captain Scott leaves one son, Mr. Frank L. Scott, who is now living on Puget Sound, and, like his father, takes to the water for a livelihood. clear, of Captain S. F. Scott-widely known in shipping circles the world over and a familiar figure on the steamers of

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however, of a great amount of supp and many cannon, which otherwise th would have been able to bring off. Internal Conditions Better.

Thernal Conditions Deter. Though the mobilization orders may bring on disturbances and even upris-ings for the moment, the internal condi-tions are better. The principal peasant disturbances have been quieted, though sporadic disorders still exist, but there has been no general spread as was dreaded and the authorities have mani-fested their ability to come with the sitfested their ability to cope with the sit-uation. The strikes also have largely ceased, and the industrial activity has been resumed until May 1, at least when the social democrats' press profess an infontion to prove the accomposite activ-

intention to renew the economical agita tion.

The renewal of the vice-royalty and the appointment of the senatorial comthe appointment of the senatorial com-mission give hope for better things in the Caucasus. The chief storm ceutre seems to be Moscow, where the police are discovering evidence of a widespread terrorist plot. The explosion of a bomb in the Theatre square last Monday night is not yet explained, but there have been automatic in conception with the numerous arrests in connection with the discovery of a store in Moscow, where bombs and explosives werd found. The police are making practically no progress in unraveling the plot which resulted in the death of Grand Duke Sergius. The assassin is to the authorities a second "Man with the iron mask."

SAMOAN CLAIMS AGAIN. Aermany's Small Unpaid Bill a Touchy Subject. Berlin, March 18.—The statement of he Samoan claims has become a rather when the when the state of the states of the minister of finance insists that the French agreement will be signed shortly. It has been determined that the new domestic bonds shall run for a period of 80 years.

U. S. SENATE ADJOURNS.

Refuses to Ratify San Domingo Treaty and Ends Session.

Washington, March 18 .- At 2 o'clock wasnington, March 18.—At 2 o clock this afternoon the Senate formally reached the decision that the Santo Domingo treaty could not be ratified and a committee was named to notify the President that the Senate was ready to adjourn sine die. The Sen-ate afterwards adjourned sine die.

TOKIO CELEBRATES VICTORY.

Exercises Commemorative of Mukden Cause Enthusiasm.

Tokio, March 18.—(Evening)—Thirty thousand persons went to Bibiya today to attend the exercises commemorative of the Japanese victory of Mukden. Members of the cabinet, the elder statesmen, many officers of the army and navy and members of the Diet were present. Mayor Osaki read a congratulatory tele-gram to be sent to Field Marshal Oyama on behalf of the municipality, the crowd cheering its approval.

Washington, March 18.—The Japanese legation today received the follow-ing cablegram from the foreign office at Tokio: "On Thursday last our de-tachment on the right side of the Liao river dispersed eight Russian cavalry squadrons which had artillery with them, and thus occupied the heights north of Tie Pass on the right side of the Liao, and cannonaded the retreating enemy, which consisted of one infantry division and ten cavalry squadrons."

RUSSIAN CAVALRY DISPERSED.

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whom they both knew sof favorably and so well. Mr. Stevenson recalls many stirring incidents in the career of this mighty man of the sea. It is related, for in-stance, that on one occasion in San Francisco his ship was the scene of a quarrelesome multify. Captain Scott mastered the rebels single handed, and by main force subjected the bully of the company to an unwelcome yourge. In

Hero of the "West Indian" Inci-

dent at Coronel - Several Times Shipwrecked.

A telegram from Astoria to Captain Locke, on Friday, contained the news of the death at that Oregon town of injuries received in a railway accident, the exact nature of which is not made

it is not understood why so small a sum as \$120,000 should cause the Unit-ed States and Great Britain to hesitate in its payment. The delay has, it is pointed out, been out of proportion to the amount of the claims and as the demander are only a sub-

the amount of the claims and as the damages are owing, according to the arbitration to a lot of indignant per-sons the impression is that Great Brit-ain and the United States have shown delay amounting to indifference. It is admitted unofficially however that the claims for \$120,000 which were prepared by an American lawyer are in excess of the actual loss. Germany has not made any proposition to the United States or Great Britain, but would pro-bably accept one half the amount of States or Great Britain, but would pro-bably accept one half the amount of the claims if it was offered. The sum of \$25,000 mentioned in an American despatch as being all the claims are worth is looked upon here as a sort of bartering offer not becoming the sub-ject in controversy. The German gov-ernment has informed the United States and Great Britain as a result of negotiations that were begun March 10 that she is about to make a joint offer.