ster of war. The correspondent avers that the intriguers met at night at the French legation. Their object is, he says, to get the Emperor to remove with his court to Chivuen Chyon, fifty East.

miles to the eastward of Seoul. VICEROY ALEXIEFF. Report That He May Ask to Be Re-

British Consul-General Took No Part

in Demand For Withdrawal

From Shaughai.

KOREA.

In Treaty Negotiated by

Japan.

she guarantees the independence and i

RUSSIAN VERSION.

Secure a Protectorate Over

Paris, Feb. 24.-Information received

here, probably through Russian channels,

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BRITISH STEAMERS TAKEN.

Captured by Russian Tor-pedo Boats.

of the act that a far more expensive

BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

Black Sea Fleet Bogey.

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Korea.

ased of His Duties.

New York, Feb. 24.—A cable from St. Petersburg to the World says: "It is confidently expected that Vice-roy Alexieff's health will be found soon of how the abolition of the censorship in ssia was brought about as follows; to have suffered from so severe a strain that he will feel compelled to ask to be "The abolition of the censorship of ews telegrams sent abroad from Rus-

sin is understood to be the direct out-come of an interview which Melville E. relieved of his functions "The Czar is greatly displeased by the revelation of recent events of Russia's Stone, general manager of the Associated unpreparedness for war. He has said Press, had with the Czar at St. Petersrevelation of recent events of Russia's. openly that those whom he trusted mis-burg. Mr. Stone urged upon His Ma-represented to him the conditions gen-jesty the wisdom of abolishing the cen-

"As in the British campaign in South sorship, and as a result of the manner in which the matter was represented to erally obtaining in the Far East. Africa, many influential and prominent him, the Czar called upon the minister Kertainly one of the best known of these the interior for a report on the subject. This report having been made, the Can is Mile. Kscheschinskaia, the most gave an order that the censorship should famous and accomplished dancer in the cense." ballet of the Imperial theatre, whose farewell performance for the benefit of the war fund a few days ago was the

occasion of tremendous enthusiasm. "The government is about to give permission to German officers to proceed to the scene of operations. It is an nounced that this permission is given, not

because of favoritism but because the Germans asked for it first.

the same privileges, but no representa- taken no part whatever in the demand tives of Britain will be permitted to made for the withdrawal of the Russian watch the operations on the Russian gunboat Mandjur from Shanghai, as reside.

"The best informed authorities fore tell disappointment to those who expect an early collision between the land

THE JAPS IN KOREA.

Advance Guards of Army Corps Reported to Be North of Ping Yang. Shanghai, Feb. 24.-The Japanese army corps landed at Chemulpo, Korea, totalling about 30,000, has already been deployed between Seoul and Ping Yang. The advance guards are even northward Japan Alleged to Be Endeavoring to of the latter place. Owing to the partial thaw the roads are bad, and the transportation of pro-visions and war munitions is most difficult. IN NORTHERN KOREA.

Russians Maintain Communication Between Wiju and Anju.

Seoul, Feb. 24 .- The Russians are keeping communication between Wiju and Anju, Korea, open. Otherwise, no advance to the southward has vet been made.

Russian spies, however, are reported t: be in the vicinity of Ping Yang.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Step Taken to Insure Regular Running of Russian Military Trains.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.-The railway between Samara and Zlatoust, in European Russia, and the Siberian lines, with all the territories appropriated by the government for the purpose of these rail-ways have been placed under martial aw, in order to insure the regular runlated the law of nations. ning of military trains.

The full powers of a commander of an army in the field have been conferred on the commanders of the forces at Kasan and in the Siberian military districts, in whose charge these railways have been

EASTWARD BOUND.

Japanese Battleships and Cruisers Pass Wei-Hai-Wei.

VICTORIA TIMES, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1904.

of the French for their Russian allies in Log made a daring attempt to bottle in the attack of February Sth ity to make a defence. It is believed that the Japanese intend in the last of the Japanese intend in the last of the Japanese intend in the last of the Japanese intend in the Japanese inten

The reports that the Japanese battle-

here with some allowance. A dispatch received here from Tokio

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—In response to a cable request, the North American has received the following message from Count Leo Tolstoi: "Moseow, Feb. 22.—I am neither for Russia nor Japan, but for the laboring people of both countries, deceived by their governments and obliged to fight against their welfare, conscience and re-

against their welfare, conscience and re-

igion. (Signed) Tolstoi." JAPS USED FIRE SHIPS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25, 2.45 a.m.-A elegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the sion of Japanese naval reservations to Zar says: "At a quarter before three in the the Gulf of Pechili. The general opin-Czar says: RUSSIAN GUNBOAT MANDJUR.

tack the battleship Retvizan and sink large steamers loaded with inflammables, vostock squadron. "The Retvizan was the first to observe It is officially announced from St London, Feb. 24.-The under foreign

secretary, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, said the ecause of favoritism but because the barbar her barbar other sank under Golden Hill. "The Retvizan observed four steamers in a sinking condition and eight torpedo boats departing slowly to rejoin the waitported in some European newspapers.

ing Japanese warships.

ing Japanese warships. "A portion of the crews of the Japan-ese vessels were drowned. The grounded steamer is still burning. The enemy is observed in the offing of Port Arthur in two lines. The Japanese crews saved themselves in boats, and it is possible that some of them were picked up by the enemy's torpedo boats. "A Tokio correspondent of the Times says the Russian movements on the Japan, where the town of Ping Yang, is considered safe. It is reported that the constant exodus of Chinese coolies from Manchuria, the Times correspondent continues, is caus-ing great inconvenience to the Russians. A discussion of Port Arthur. The report adds that two Japanese ship ware wrecked and lie in Tiger Bay, and that a fourth lies wrecked on the shore outside of Tiger Bay. It is believed that these wrecks are not warships, but hulks designed to be sunk at the entrance of the harbor, The Independence and Integrity Guaranteed Washington, Feb. 24.-Secretary Hay has received information that Japan has negotiated a treaty with Korea, whereby

"I am proceeding to examine the coast. The entrance of the harbor is open. I attribute the complete derangement of the enemy's plan to brilliant and decisive fire from the Betwiese fire from the Retvizan.

sink some barges in the strait, leading from the outer to the inner harbor of "Floating mines are still wisible in the roadstead. I have recalled the three cruisers sent in pursuit of the enemy in barges before they arrived at the intend Russian gun fire, however, sunk the order, in the first place, to clear the road- ed spot.

stead of floating mines. We had no losses," Remains at Shanghai.

here, probably through Russian channels, but credited in official quarters, leads to the belief that Japan is now seeking to secure the execution of a treaty by which the Emperor of Korea gives Japan a protectorate over Korea. It is thought that the prospect of this treaty was the main reason for Russia's protest to the powers against Japan violating Korean neutrality, as Russia desires to reserve all right against a Japanese protectorate over Korea, on the ground that it will be of no effect, being executed while Korea

of no effect, being executed while Korea was under duress. The Emperor of Korea is said to be so completely under admiralty and newspaper and telegraph company offices increased during - the the domination of Japan that he is likely night, and the excitement attained the to approve of such a treaty, through inability of resisting. The situation from fever point when it was known that the Emperor had received a telegram giving Russia's standpoint is likened to a man more details and showing the Russian signing a cheque under duress or fear. It is the expectation that if this main pur-pose of the Russian protest is accomplish-ed, there will not be any joint or separate action by the powers relative to the morning, a rush was made for the exits ciple of Japan's having vio- and the assembled officers cheered wildly and repeatedly. The crowds showed no

inclination to disperse, hoping that fur-ther news would be received showing the extent of the Russian victory. Were Carrying Coal For Japan When

Japanese-Korean Treaty. It was observed that in his dispatch Washington, Feb. 24 .- The negotia-

Viceroy Alexieff does not mention the r of steamers which the Japanese tion of a treaty with Korea by Japan, tried to sink or drive upon the Russian in which she guarantees the indep Suakim, Egypt, Feb. 24 .- The captain ships, and it is not yet known whether ence and integrity of the former is restarkin, Expl. Feb. 2. The captain of the British steamer Luristan, from Newport, February 5th, for Bombay, re-ports that he was stopped and examined by Russian torpedo boat destroyers a few miles south of Daedalus island, in garded here as one of the cleverest of

Pope in full Hussar uniform and wearing the decorations he gained in the last<br/>Chinese war under Admiral Alexieff.<br/>The Pope received him cordially, gare<br/>him the beendiction and asked him to do<br/>whatever lay in his power for the pro-<br/>teast.of the French for their Russian allies in<br/>any way has affected the Anglo-French<br/>the two nations are as satisfactory as<br/>hefore the outbreak of war. On the<br/>french side of the channel, concludes the<br/>general wish that the good understand-<br/>in the Far East.Tego made a daring attempt to bottle<br/>up the Russian fieet at Port Arthur<br/>the the entrance to the harbor of Port<br/>Ather the activation and asked him to do<br/>whatever lay in his power for the pro-<br/>teast.weakness of the place and of its inabil-<br/>its beleved that he Japanese intend<br/>to make a defence.ABOLITION OF CENSORSHIP.<br/>Caar's Action Due to Representations of<br/>General Manager of Associated<br/>Press.of the For the Laboring People of<br/>Russia and Japan.Tol.STOT'S ATTITUDE.<br/>Says He Is For the Laboring People of<br/>Russia and Japan.Tol.STOT'S ATTITUDE.<br/>Says He Is For the Laboring People of<br/>Russia and Japan.Tol.STOT'S ATTITUDE.<br/>New York, Feb. 24.—Ruter's Telegram<br/>of how the abolition of the censorship in<br/>the abolition of the cens

been enrolled in the movement which is spreading. Volunteers are plentiful The official bufletins were given out too late for editorial comment, but the There is no lack of ammunition or money, ships or transports were sunk are taken news of the initial success of the Russian for the patriotic rich are subscribing. arms was prominently displayed. Not

churia is rising against the Russians. Five thousand Russian troops have been

RUSSIAN REPORT.

Again Repulsed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.-6.32 p. m.

DENIED BY PREMIER.

"I am glad to say that the relations

between this country and Spain are, and

are likely to remain, of a most friendly

The Premier added that there appear

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one of the newspapers here has yet re ceived special dispatches giving news of the Japanese repulse. Chief of Staff Says Japanese Were

HARBOR REMAINS OPEN morning of February 23rd, numerous ion is that Admiral Togo, after possibly Japanese torpedo boats attempted to at- returning to Japan to effect repairs will According to Dispatches Which Haw

Major-General Pflug, the chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff, telegraphs as fol Been Received at Paris. lows under to-day's date: 'The enemy again attacked Port Paris, Feb. 25 .- Additional details o The Retrizan was the first to observe it is officially announced from St. the torpedo boats, and opened a strong free on them. She was supported by the has expressed its warmest thanks to be an entry of the strong and Koreiz by the Brit-ers near the entrance of the harbor. They of the Varing and Koreiz by the Brit-warmeaning direction to the strong the strong and Koreiz by the Brit-the battleship Retvizan discovered

> strongly seconded by that of the shore London, Feb. 25.-Premier Balfour. A Tokio correspondent of the Times batteries north of Port Arthur. ith warm cheers.

on February 20th that there was no ; ruth in the report that Great Britain intended to seize noints on the Spanish

Port Arthur, thus blocking the exit. The Position of Steamers With Which It Wa

Intended to Block Harbor. Port Arthur, Feb. 25 .- At about 1 her garrisons, 'clock yesterday morning the Japanese made a desperate attempt to block the entrance of the inner harbor and dock. With this object four merchant steamers, accompanied by torpedo vessels, were

sent from two sides towards the entrance of the channel. The movement was perceived by the Retvizan, which was lying in the chan-

nel and which opened fire immediately. At the same time the guns of the forts on the Tiger peninsula, Golden Hill and Electric Cliff were turned on the enemy, and a furious cannonade ensued, con-tinuing until five in the morning. Then

All four steamers were sunk. They peninsula. Two vessels are still burning. violated. The note which Mr. Hay sent About 9 a.m. on the 24th, a Japanese squadron of considerable size approach-

ed Port Arthur and the Bayan and Novik were ordered to face the Japanese ships, which, however, did not open fire and afterwards steamed away in the dition of Port Dalny. The cruiser Pallada has entered the

dock here CONGRATULATIONS



CUSTODY AT WINNIPEG

Contract Awarded for Building at Calgary in Place of Block De-

stroyed by Fire.

Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—Senator Loug-heed, of Calgary, has awarded the con-tract for the reconstruction of the Nor-man block and Normandie theatre, recently destroyed by fire. The building will cost about \$40,000, and the theatr

will be on the ground floor. In Custody. W. J. Yates was arrested in the Y. M.

C. A. rooms here yesterday on a charge of attempting murder at Broadview by shooting at a bartender, who had order ed him to keep quiet. School Eestimates

The estimates of the school board this year are \$207,000.

Call to Minister. Rev. J. B. Silcox will preach in Lansing, Mich., the first Sunday in March.

Relations Between Britain and Spain in connection with a call to that city ex-Most Friendly-No Foundation tended by the Plymouth church. For Sensational Story. Refiring.

Rev. John Hogg, of St. Giles's church, Sommons since his illness, was greeted istry. is retiring from active work in the min

Agent Missing. Replying to a question, he confirmed John Cook, the Massey-Harris agent the statement made in these dispatches at Minto, Man., has been missing for some time.

## coast in the event of a continental war. A PATROL WAGON FOR

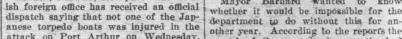
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Will Be Recommended by Board of Comed to be no truth in the rumor that Spain was mobilizing her forces, almissioners-Held Their Initial Meeting.

ALLIANCE AGAINST RUSSIA. (From Thursday's Daily.) The Treaty Between Japan and Korea There was a full attendance at the May Call Forth French Protest. initial meeting of the new board of police ommissioners held vesterday afternoon New Yopk, Feb. 25.-A dispatch from at the city hall. Those present were His Washington to the Herald says of the Japan treaty with Korea: Worship Mayor Barnard, who occupied "There is much anxiety to see how the chair, Ald Grahame and George R. Russia's ally will accept this Oriental Russell. After the reading and adoption alliance against Russia. Korea is not a of the minutes, the reports of the chief rong power, but it is pointed out her of police and sergeant of detectives were

assistance to Japan may easily assume assistance to Japan may easily assume substantial proportions. The Japanese he firing slacked and became desultory. The Japanese failed to effect their the Korean army, which can easily be papers, and it was agreed to take them recruited up to a strength of 30,000 men. Officered by Japanese, this force as read All four steamers were sunk. They are lying in the following positions: One behird Golden Hill, one near the Retvizan and two between the entrance iple of confining the struggle to the the board to the recommendation that a patrol wagon and horse be purchased for Retvizan and two between the entrance of the channel and the Lao Thie Shan wo powers, Russia and Japan was the use of the department. He requested The cruisers Bayan and Novik pursued to the powers indicated that the purpose the commissioners to ask for an appro-the Japanese torpedo figtilla. It is said of uniting for the preservation of China's purpose. With all equipment this would neutrality was to prevent more powers being involved." purpose. With all equipment this would cost about \$500, and its maintaine would not amount to a great deal. He TORPEDO BOATS ESCAPED. explained that a patrol wagon was most necessary for the efficiency of the de-None of the Japanese Craft Damaged partment. It would save the During Yesterday's Attack.

hack-hire, which, in the course of a year, called no insignificant amount. London, Feb. 25, 6.50 p.m.-The Brit-Mayor Barnard wanted to know



ome length in Austra letter, bringing his the government of N the attention of the go ington, Capt. Ramse American citizen. On he left Eureka with articled to make the ship was loaded with to the Kami /Timber Sydney. The lumber over the sides of the v provided by the consi "On the 14th of O the letter, "I arrived after, October 15th, load the cargo with n working at it about came aboard claiming of the Sydney Wharf . and informed the mate discharge the lumber wi twice afterwards, late dat On the 16th the man le manding me to dism over the work of discha to the Sydney Wharf I "On the 23rd and 24th to be members of the Laborers' Union came wishing to board my ship bidden by the mate. Th ened to come on board that they wished to see sent them word that I see them. It had been that officers of the gove to board an American and arrest of any sailor the law on shore to bring consul showing permiss but no such permit was -on inquiry I found none I for nor granted; and as the plain clothes, I had no id any legal authority to boa

serve any papers on me, dismiss my men from -cargo, and employ the 'un as when in the Port of discharged the cargo with and no objections were cause other American bos done the same. In fact, were discharging with the at the very same time th these reasons and others, -discharge my cargo until o of October I saw notices paper that I had been find tion of the order of the arb and, that an injunction ha restraining me from con under penalty of £50. "By terms of 'Charty Pa was the property of the s property-for which I w until the consignees rec sides of the ship. Yet ] order of the court to adm employ and pay men which I had contracted whom I had brought with being forced to pay two

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Andromeda, Capt. reached Honolulu of

week or so ago. The

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We-Hai-Wei, Feb. 24.-Four Japanese the Red Sea, who informed him that the con port to-day bound eastward, for Japan, had been captured by them

FOR JAPAN,			THE RUSSLAN NOTE		
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ndon, Feb. 24.-About 25,000 tons St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.-The Russian government believes a deep impression has been made on infernational symor British coal are now being loaded on Japanese steamers for Japan. The pathles of the note on the subject of Japan's alleged violation of the law of Bingo Maru is loading 6.000 tons and the Sado Maru 5,000 tons at Cardiff, while at Barrow the Wachi Maru and another vessel are taking on board the Monday. The government jays special

A special dispatch from Kobe, Japan, b, where, it is pointed out, the Japansays the British commercial agent at Viadivostock has arrived at Nagasaki in order to prevent M Pavloff, the Rusand reported that the commander of the Bussian garrison at Vladivostock had or-Variag and Koreitz receiving news of dered all British subjects to leave the the rupture of diplomatic relations, and port.

The fleet which is reported to have greatly superior force. assed Wei-Hai-Wei is supposed to have Russia contends that this action places passed Wei-Hai-Wei is supposed to have been Admiral Togo's fleet leaving Port Japan outside of the pale of civilized nations and that it smacks so much o Arthur.

The news of further fighting off Port Arthur was communicated to Foreign alric sense of civilized fair play. Minister Lord Lansdowne by the Asso-ciated Press while he was holding a re-of Russia's case is considered strong, the ception at the foreign office. This was that Japan, in her haste to cripple the the first announcement of the battle received by the foreign office.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS FLOWING IN.

All Classes Contribute to Fund to Increase Navy and Aid Widows and Orphans.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.-There is an incessant influx of subscriptions of money and contributions of jewellery and other province of Tamboy, has issued a warn-articles toward the fund being raised to ing to the peasants of that province strengthen the navy and aid the families of the victims of the war. People of all religions, Jews, Catholics, Lutherans the Britis and Mohammedans are vieing with Japanese. each other, and the members of the Baron I

Baron Buddurg is starting for the Far Orthodex church in the display of patri- East to organize a flotilla of ten hospital barges on the Amur river. The Novost otism, while the peasant and workmen are contributing as freely in proportion reviewing the resources of the treasury. figures that the total amount at the dis to their means as the nobles and officials. posal of the government for the condi-Several hundred Turcomans have applied to the government of Turkestan to be tion of war is \$320,000,000, which it nt to the fighting line. considers to be quite sufficient in view

The reports of Russophile demonstrations in France, Italy and the Slav campaign, the Turkish war, waged on countries are eagerly welcomed, and the occurrences are regarded by the Russian press as symptoms of an eventual new grouping of the powers, whereby, according to the Novoe Vremya, the destinier of Egypt, South Africa and Afghanistan

may be affected.

## RECEIVED BY THE POPE.

Don Jaime Visits Rome Prior to His Departure For the Far East.

pondent of the Times to be unfounde The disturbance of the internatio Bome, Feb. 24 .- Don Jaime, of Bour bon, son of Don Carlos, the Spanish pre-tender, having asked the Czar to be sent equilibrium which it might, and probably would entail, the dispatch continues, car to the scene of action in the Far East, hardly be a matter of indifference other powers besides England. has come to Rome and was received yes-

terday by the Pope in private audience. The re is not a particle of evidence t Don Jaime entered the presence of the justify the suspicion that the sympathy R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

mander of the Retvizan and the plane, for it is understood that this Sent By the Czar to Viceroy Alexieff and battleships and nine cruisers passed this port to-day bound eastward, three British steamers, laden with coal for Japan, had been captured by them

Washington, Feb. 24 .- Promptly

noon to-day Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, handed Secretary Hay Rus-

sia's communication to the powers pro-testing against Japan's alleged violation

of international law. The conference between Secretary Hay and ambassador

lasted an hour. The full text of the note is coming by mail, the substance of

it being communicated by the ambas-sador on the basis of cabled advices.

This government has not yet determined what reply it will make to Russia on the

subject, beyond a formal acknowledge-ment, Secretary Hay will bring the mat-

supposed that Japan is given the right

o fortify Korea in any way she wishes

and practically assume control of all

This declaration of a protectorate

Although Count Cassini had not re-

ceived formal news of the treaty con-clusion, he was informed of it by Mr.

Hay. The ambassador was not sur

prised in view of his recent advices from the Russian minister at Seoul, who was

aware of Japan's efforts in this direc-

Russia, it is said, will not abandon her

contention for the friendship of Korea, and will refuse to recognize Japan's

ambassador in his conversation with the secretary pointed out that Japan's de-

government already had announced that Japan's conduct in Korea had been such

that it would be impossible for Russia further to regard as valid any orders or

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St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.-1.45 p. m.-

declarations issued by Japan.

o establish the protectorate pro-

Korea's defences.

ter to the attention of the President.

roll of the Russian navy. Viceroy Alexieff's dispatch was in Korea, Japan will take no advantage of amplification of a briefer telegram re-that fact, but will maintain the inde-ceived by the Emperor earlier, but pendence of the present kingdom. On which was not given out. Later it was the other hand, the Russian note com-

said the Russians sustained no losses in the engagement. It is evident that Vice-Admiral Stark no longer commands the Demine the intended to pave the way for future Russian Port Arthur naval forces, Vice-roy Alexieff mentioning a temporary seizure of Korea, and its annexation for commander of the fleet without giving Russia triumphs in the present struggle. any names.

Viceroy Alexieff, with a complete staff, ow has his headquarters on a special train, which at present is about four miles from Mukden, fully equipped and ready to move from place to place as the ressities of the situation require. Is Entrance Closed?

London, Feb. 25 .- Viceroy Alexieff's then pounced upon the ships with a lispatch to the Czar concerning Port Arthur confirms the report that Admiral-

"I had scrofula and

orysipelas for eighteen years, until I opinion being even in friendly quarters

heard Russian fleet at the outset, committed a blunder by thus striking a blow without Of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discov-

warning, for which the destruction of two ships will not compensate. It is ery," writes Mr. Hilery Koons, of Queens, W. Va. "When I commenced to take further pointed out that if Japan had allowed M. Parloff to return to a Rusthis medicine I weighed one hundred and thirty pounds. I have taken six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical sian port on board a Russian warship Discovery and three vials of his 'Pleas-ant Pellets,' and am glad to say I feel her magnanimity would have been una versally applauded. Prince Lobanoff, the governor of the like a new man. I now weigh one hundred and seventy-five pounds. When I

had used one bottle of the medicine could feel it was helping me. I realize Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best medicine on earth." the British army, but really for the Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Dis-

covery purifies the blood and cotirely eradicates the poisons that breed and feed disease. It cures scrofula, eczema, erysipelas, boils, pimples and other eruptions that mar and scar the skin. Pure blood is essential to good health. The weak, run-down, debilitated condition which so many people ex-

eign territory, cost only \$500,000,000. perience is commonly the effect of impure blood. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery not only cleanses Cordial Relations Maintained - The the blood of impurities, but it increases the activity of the bloodmaking glands, and it enriches the New York, Feb. 24.-Rumors of nego-

tiations among the powers concerned re-specting the passage of the Russian Black Sea fleet through the Dardan-elles, are declared by the Paris correbody with an abundant supply of pure, rich blood. FREE. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense

of customs and mailing only. Send 31 one-cent stamps for the book in paper covers, or 50 stamps for the cloth-bound volume. Address Dr.

the Russian Squadron. St. Petersburg, Feb. 25 .- The Czar has Russia, involving military occupation of telegraphed warm congratulations to Viceroy Alexieff and the entire Russian

squadron at Port Arthur on the able manner in which they repulsed the lates attack of the Japanese The battleships Retvizan and Czare

vitch will be temporarily employed at Port Arthur as guardships, in which caseizure of Korea, and its annexation for pacity it has been decided their formid-violation of neutrality in the event that able guns can be utilized to good ad-Russian government at Vladivostock. It vantage. It has been found that the is thought that the Japanese govern-

necessary repairs to these ships can only No details' of the new Japanesebe fully made in the dock at Vladivo Korean treaty have been announced at the state department, which confines itself for the present to the brief anstock, so the vessels will be temporarily patched up and remain at Port Arthur nouncement of the treaty. The conclusuntil circumstances will permit of their being sent to Vladivostock. ion it is drawn, however, that Korea, in

The rumors that the savings bank will furn, gives Japan extensive military

not meet the demands for the repay-ment of deposits in consequence of the rights, and the officials here regard the negotiations of the treaty as a declarwar are emphatically denied by the Offiation by the Japanese of her protectorate over the Hermit Kingdom, and cial Messenger. Rumors are in circulation here this move which has long been expected. It

afternoon to the effect that a bombardment of Port Arthur is now going on. EXPECT NEWS OF FIGHT.

Another Engagement Believed to Have

Korea from the rang of neutral powers and makes the Hermit Kingdom as legi-Taken Place at Port Arthur. timate a ground for military operations as Japan itself. Tokio, Feb. 23 .- (Delayed in transmis sion.)-Advices are hourly anticipated

here of a third naval engagement, which has taken place at Port Arthur. It was known that the fleet, under the

command of Admiral Togo, had been in action, but the nature of the operation about to be undertaken had not been disclosed to the navy department. The atter admits anticipating information, but says it does not expect to receive any before Wednesday. It is thought here that Admiral Togo first attacked with his torpedo boats and then shelled Port vided for in the treaty. The Russian Arthur,

The opinion expressed by the foreign ministry here is, however, almost united served by Russia, as the St. Petersburg to shell the place without dangerous exagainst the ability of the Japanese ships posure to the heavy guns of the shore batteries

The Japanese, however, are confident that the place is vulnerable at three points on the seaside, and in proof of their opinions is the explosion of a num ber of shells in the town on the occasion No further details were available this morning of the unsuccessful attempt of the Japanese to bottle up the Russian the Japanese to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by sinking big merchantmen at the mouth of the har-

tive, as it is narrow and cramped. The brief details contained in the offi- few shells thrown over the hills into the chal dispatches indicate that the coup was planned, according to the usual Japanese tactics, to take place during Japanese shells are charged with a high the night, and that it was desperately pushed and backed by eight torpedo boats, which continued fighting until daylight, but that it failed completely. Great praise is goven to the Russian battleship. Reivizan, which law ontride

battleship. Retvizan, which lay outside the batbor entrance for her gallant work in beating off the enemy. Her part in the action shows that the reports of the

February 24th. \_\_\_0\_\_\_ SEIZED BEEF.

consignment on' the Steamer Korea Taken by Japanese Government.

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In reply, Chief Langley told of the number of complaints that had been re-Nagasaki, Feb. 25 .- The Japanese eived last year owing to the time if government has seized 670 tons of mess took the police to answer calls. All this beef which was shipped from San Fran- would be remedied. Mr. Russell was in favor of granting: sco on the steamer Korea on February

the chief's request, and moved to that Russian government at Vladivostock. It effect. Ald, Grahame was willing to second ment will purchase the beef. the motion if Mr. Russell amended it to.

more comfortable.

bers of the detectives department, the

patrol sergeants and the constables. The

former pointed out that this was his fifth term, and that a great deal of his

time was taken up in court as public prosecutor, a duty which was ordinarily

performed by a lawyer. The detectives

explained the necessity of a contingency

fund for expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties. These

were laid on the table and afterwards

read as a recommendation to the council. This proposal was objected to strong-0 DICTATOR REMOVED. ly by Mr. Russell, who contended that the board of commissioners were em-

Yi Yonb Ik Has Been Taken From powered to grant anything to the police-which was needed to maintain the effi-Chemulpo to Japan.

ciency of the department. Seoul, Feb. 25 .- Russian vedettes ad-After some discussion Ald. Grahame vanced south of Anju and cut the telegraph wires between Angu and Ping and Mr Russell agreed on the following motion: "That a patrol wagon and Yang orse, at an expenditure of \$500, be in-luded in the estimates." This was car-Yi Kong Ik, who was formerly minister of war and practically the dictator ied, the two commissioners voting for of Korea, and considered a friend of and Mayor Barnard against it Russia, has been taken by the Japan-Ald. Grahame thought that the deese at Chemulpo, .and on the same ective quarters should be enlarged if it: night put on board of a warship which was possible. They were at present very much cramped. It was agreed to took him to Japan. He went on board court dress. inspect the office with a view of ascer-taining what could be done to make it

FAVOR AMALGAMATION.

Chief Langley submitted his report for resident of American Federation of the month of January, showing that Labor Interviews Porto Rican there were 38 convictions; prisoners 'Delegates. charged. 8; sent to the asylum, 1; safe-

keeping, 2; fines collected, \$189.50. San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 25 .- A con-This was received and filed. The estimated expenditure in con ference was held yesterday between Samuel Gompers, president of the Am-erican Federation of Labor, and delegates tion with the police department for the ensuing year was next read. It provided of the two Porto Rican labor unions, rep- for new summer and winter uniforms for resenting all the organized labor of the island. Mr. Gompers urged their amalmembers of the department and other necessary articles. After some discusgamation under the American Federation sion this was adopted, and tenders order of Labor, and a resolution to this effect | ed to be called immediately for summer

was adopted by the delegates and will be yoted upon by the unions on March Applications for increases in salary 12th. were read from the chief of police, mem-

H. S. Smith, of San Francisco: A. L. Merritt, of Toronto; Colin R. S. Inkster and Charles Camsell, of Winnipeg, are among those registered at the Dominion hotel.



By-Law. On motion of Ald. Grahame instructions were given Chief Langley Before unit Ajter. its kind that cures and fives universal satisfaction. It promptly and permanently cures all forms of Nervous Weak-ess, Emission, Spermatorrhoza, Impotency, and all effects of abuse or excesses; the crocessive use of Tobacco, Opium or Stimulants, Mentai und Braha Worry, all of which lead to Infirmity, insanity, Consumption and an Early Grave. Price 31 per pacing or air for 55. One will please, siz will cure. Mailed prompty on re-seipt of price. Send for free pamphlet. Address The Wood Company, Windsor, Ont. Canada. to see that the provisions of this by-law, especially section 55, were carefully observed. The meeting shortly after adjourned.

sor, Ont, Canada, railroad near Kane, Pa. Both were asleep in the caboose at the time of the Wind Wood's Phosphodine is sold in Victoria explosion

record of the past twelve months had heen exceptionally creditable. He was of. the opinion that such an expenditure should not be undertaken at the present. time unless it was a case of absolute cessity.

to handle and put out my orders or consent, but to valuable machinery, disp neer, whom I had en

wages, by putting in anoth remonstrance." In conclusion Capt. Ran ted an itimized statemen :\$2,500 damages,

the laws.

The Sydney Morning He ring to the case, said that referred to the attorneyremier, and the forme fect that it was the duty going temporarily into the

doing the same work.

"Sydney Wharf Laborers"

ion of my vessel

OCEAN LINERS

There were three big uter docks on Tuesday. M. S. Miowera, had just the Antipodes, and the othe Empress of China and the of Puebla, were outward latter appeared to be we freighter the target of the target freight. The Australian ed the dock about 8 o'cloc age pleasant but uneventful is worthy of note that she record for the run betwe Honolulu. She left the Fij. ruary 8th at 10.45 a. m., a Hawaiian capital at 8.10 16th, less than nine days. rived at Honolulu she som the people on the Austral cisco liner Sierra, which from Sydney about the san latter steamer made the land, New Zealand, and h expected to be in Honolul in advance of the Canadian to their surprise the latte serenely about half an hor

wessel docked.

There were seventy-eig aboard the Miowera. It mpossible for the scrib em all, but those who had nothing to report exce trip." There was one cl gentleman among the pas might have had somethin some horrible massacre perchance, or a harrowing one of the South Sea Islan whether he had or not is ter of conjecture, for w scribes bearing down up ors flying; he neatly side and retreated to security. fortunes of journalism. noted Sydney baritone sir on the steamer, who, one o over to fill an engaged averred that he was bot Klondike, where golden nu common that all except t ones were contemptuousl The passengers were all news. They were anxiou whether Japan had follo heavy right swings at Port a few more. They descrit ment in Australia and New

ly all responsible druggists.

The Great English Remedy, is an old, well estab-lished and reliable preparation. Has been prescribed and used over 40 years, All drug-gists in the Dominion of Canada sell and recommend as being the only medicine of its kind that curves and

considered in private. The attention of the police was drawn to a number of infractions of the Street Before and After, the only medicin its kind that cures

Lewis Swatseer and John Mahey, of

Erie, lost their lives by the explosion of locomotive on the Philadelphia & Erie