By Prof. Eric Doolittle, Astronomer of Pennsylvania.

The beautiful evening stars, Jupiter and Venus, which for three months have shone out brightly in the West, will disappear from our sight during April, to be seen no more in the early evening until next autum. Venus, before it finally withdraws from the western sky, will grow so exceedingly bright that it will be easily visible in full daylight to one who knows just where to look for it. It increases so greatly in brightness because the planet is drawing continually nearer to the earth; when it is nearest to us it is almost in a straight line between the earth and sun. It then sets very soon after sunset, and through a small telescope is seen to be a v-ry marrow, brilliant little crescent like the moon when three or four days old. This appearance is best seen after April 20. appearance is best seen after April 20.

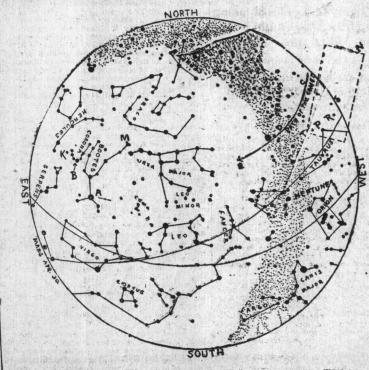
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Meanwhile, as some compensation for the loss of these two beautiful worlds, a new object is beginning to climb up in the sky toward the east. This is the ruddy planet, Mars, which for months has been rising a little earlier each night. On April 1 it rises about 10 o'clock, and is not well up in the sky before midnight, but by the end of the month it will rise before 8 and be well situated for observation by 10. This planet and the earth are both rushing so rapidly toward each other that their distance apart is diminished from 75,000,000 to only 51,000,000 of miles during the four weeks' period. As we draw near to the planet it grows very much brighter, so that by the end of the month it will be by far the most conspicuous object in the southeasteru heavens. Yet it will be even far more brilliant in May, and this will be the set month of the year for observing it.

best month of the year for observing it.

Except for Mars, the bright red star in the southeast, the southern sky is how far less brilliant than it has been during the winter. The slow onward march of the constellations has carried the brautiful winter groups, Taurus, Orion and Perseus, lew down in the west; while in place of these the fainter constellations, Bootes, Serpens and Hercules, tree appearing in the east. The exchange is hardly a fair one and yet these faint sowner groups have a beauty of their own, and contain as many interesting objects for observation with a small telescope as the winter groups de. To study them with any satisfaction, knowever, the observer must select a moonless night, and he must not be too near the bright lights of a town or city.

The most important of the new constellations is Bootes, the Humber, a group so large that it stretches all the





small rectangle T N is therefore enlarged in Fig. 2, and the paths of the planets during the months are marked on it. The Pleiades at P and the stars T, R and S are the same in both figures. If the observer will look in the west for these stars soon after sunset he will have no trouble in finding all of the stars of Fig. 2, since only the brightest are marked.

The observer should not fail to look for the planet Mercury, the little body which so few people have ever seen. He will best find it by noticing its position with reference to Jupiter and Venus, and this he can readily do from the map. On April 4 Mercury will set 1½ hours after sunset.

Through a telescope the planet is seen to pass through phases just as the moon

Through a telescope the planet is seen to pass through phases just as the moon and Venus do. When Mercury is full it appears smallest, and when a narrow crescent largest, as shown in Fig. 3.

The positions of Mars and Neptune are shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 shows three drawings of Mars made from the telescope. In each of these the polar ice cap can be clearly seen.

The other planets are too near the sun te be observed in the early evening during April.

This was the first new star ever studied with the spectroscope. This instrument showed that at the time of its greatest brightness the star was au epormously hot sun entirely surrounded

the sky. When he reaches the western horizon and begins to set, so large is the constellation that the head does not sink below the ground until eight hours after "It is all a question of heredity," said his feet have disappeared. For this reason, Bootes is described as sluggish: "He, when thred of the day, at even lingers more than half the night." The little group of stars at M, Fig. 1, is seen with a small telescope to be made up of three principal stars, surrounded by numerous fainter ones. The upper one of the three is a beautiful double and the lower a triple star, the whole forming a very fine object for a small telescope.

small telescope.

The very bright star at A is Arcturus. a beautiful reddish star, but one which has always borne an evil reputation among the astrologers, since diseases were believed to be especially apt to

GEORGE DENNY VISITING HOME

Former Colonist Man Now in a Prominent Post for Assoclated Press.

Mr. George Denny, formerly city editor of the Colonist and now a prominent member of the Associated Press staff of correspondents, returned to Victoria yes-terday to visit his relations prior to re-turning to London, in which city he will represent the Associated Press.

Mr. Denny has won an enviable posi-tion in the world's journalism since leav-ing Victoria. He was a leading war cormespondent of the Associated Press in Manchuria, and was with Kuropatkin in a number of hard-fought battles. He did service there which proved his ability, and has been rewarded with one of the best posts in the Associated Press

of his experiences he is disinclined to speak; if he would they would fill a book. He has had many varied and interesting adventures since leaving Victoria four years ago. He went from here to take a good post in New York in the Associated Press service, and soon afterward joined the suite of the Crown eprince of Siam, whose party he accompanied through the United States. He also "covered" many interesting happenings, presidential journeys, etc., and latter went to the Philippines, residing at Manila until war became inevitable.

In December, 1903, Mr. Denny left Manila in company with Governor Taft Manila in company with Governor Taft of the Philippines by the liner Korea for Japan. He spent some time in Japan and then was stationed at Chefoo, the then clearing house of the world's news. His brilliant work at Chefoo is newspanish in the company of the statement of the company of the company

Arthur on Feb. 6, the steamer Columbia lay in the harbor of Port Arthur with a correspondent of the New York Herald on board. He with the steamer chartered hurried to Chefoo to telegraph the news of the beginning of the war. Mr. Denny was at Chefoo and with a most brilliant feat of news-gathering he not only hurriedly secured the details of the torpedo attack at Port Arthur, but go it into New York quickly, at the same time successfully blocking the "story" sent by the New York Herald correspondent.

Like the Pleiades, this constellation was used to mark the seasons. Thus

Unlike Arcturus, the stars of the crown were supposed to have a most favorable influence astrologically.

At the point K, Fig. 1, is one of the most remarkable new stars which has ever appeared. On the 12th of May, 1866, this object was seen to blaze out suddenly as a star of the second magnitude. It remained visible to the naked eye for only eight days, fading rapidly away to the tenth magnitude and then slowly growing brighter again. It has remained visible in the telescope ever since as a yellow ninth-magnitude star.

"But if thou plow to sow

grain,
A wheat or barley harvest to obtain,
First let the morning Plelades be set
And Arladne's shining coronet.
Ere thou commit thy seed to ground."

Virgil wrote:

It was the news of the former Victorian that was given to the world first, not the correspondent whose chartered steamer had brought it to Chefoo. Only those whose avocation is to get news, and to get it first, know the full extent of such a feat. The Associated Press realized Mr. Denny's ability, and have since had further causes for recognition since had further causes for recognition

When Mr. Middleton, sent from London to Liaoyang, died of dysentery, Mr. Denny was hurried to the front from Chefoo, and from that time he was with Kuropatkin's forces. He witnessed and reported the battles which followed Stackelberg's vain fight at Wafangkou, and was at Ta Shih-chiao, Liaoyang, the following battle at the Shakhe river, and other engagements. With the Russian headquarters he was given many facilities and had some stirring experiences with various sections of the Russian forces in the field.

After leaving Manchuria, Mr. Denny came over the Trans-Siberian railway to St. Petersburg, arriving in the Russian capital just prior to the outbreak which resulted in such loss of life when the troops fired on the assembled strikers. He visited Moscow, saw the Kremlin, and after stays in Berlin and Paris came on to London, where he was entertained by the journalists of the World's metropolis in which he is to be stationed.

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him. His success is a source of pride
to all who knew him in his native city,
Victoria, where his friends are legion,
and all are glad to welcome him home
again, even if it is for such a short time.
He leaves for London in a few days
to take up his new work.

KIDNEY DISEASE FOR TWENTY YEARS Mrs. Caswell Reid, Orrville, Muskoke Ont., writes: "For nearly twenty years I was troubled with kidney disease, and have recently been completely cured by using three boxes of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I have tried a great many remedies, but never seemed to get anything to do me so much good until I used these pills."

ANOTHER INTERNAL LOAN.

London, April 1.—A despatch to news agency from St. Petersburg say that another internal loan of \$600,000,000 will shortly be issued.

GUESTS OF ROYALTY.

London, April 1.—Mr. Henry White and Mrs. White are the guests of the Prince and Princess of Wales today at a farewell luncheon at Marlborough

ACCEPTS CHAIRMANSHIP.

Washington, April 1.—The announce ment was made today that T. P. Shonts, president of the Toledo, St. Louis and Western railway had decided to accept the chairmanship of the

MR. CONGER'S LEAVE-TAKING.

Pekin, April 1.—Edwin H. Conger, American minister to China, who has been appointed ambassador to Mexico, and will be succeeded here by W. W. Rockhill, chief of the Bureau of American can Republics, was received in farewell audience today by the Emperor and the

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On Sound Route

Agreement Resched Between C P. R. Co and Alaska 8, 8, Co. Ends Contest.

Str. Princess Beatrice Taken From Route and Sent to Naas and Way Ports.

(From Sunday's Daily.) Yesterday morning as a result of mutotal agreements between the C. P. R. Steamship Co. and the Alaska Steamship Co. the rate war on the Sound route came to an end. The C. P. R. withdraws the Princess Beatrice, but does not withdraw its interests from the trade. The agreement that has been OPINION IS entered into between the two companies

entered into between the two companies is for the mutual advantage of both. The Princess Beatrice leaves the route, making her last trip today.

Tonight she will run to Naas and way ports in the stead of the steamer Tees, which has been laid up.

The steamer Wha com will be maintained on the Seattle route alone on her present schedule, and will land at the new wharf of the C. P. R. in James Bay. The present wharf at the foet of Xates street will be abandoned. It will be for six weeks or two months that the Whatcom will run alone on the route, and then the steamer Princess Victoria will commence her summer schedule, running from Victoria to Seattle and return, and thence to Vancouver on the 'triangular route.''

When the steamer Princess Victoria is placed on the Sound route, which will be toward the end of May or the beginning of June, she will run on an opposite schedule to the Whatcom, which will be continued. It had been intended, she the triangular route in the Whatcom on the Maska Steamship Co. in connection with the Whatcom. This will not be done now. The Princess Victoria will leave on one schedule, presumably in the morning, and the Whatcom on the opposite schedule.

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The companies operating the Sound steamers came to the conclusion this week that, with the shortage of travel at week that, with the shortage of travel at this season there was no profit in carrying passengers at one dellar between Wictoria and Seattle, and the agreement which has resulted in the withdrawal of the Princess Beatrice today was then decided upon. At first thoughts it might seem that by this action the C. P. R. Steamship Co. has conceded an advantage to the Alaska Steamship Co. When the matter is considered, however, it will be seen that the C. P. R. Steamship Co, has also no small advantage in the

Co. has also no small advantage in the mew conditions.

The steamer Whatcom will make her first trip to the new C. P. R. wharf temorrow. It is probable that by then a new rate schedule will have been issued, registing the force when reare to its former. PRETABLE Search of the Great Dispersation to the coinside question of the Great Dispersation to the coinside question, Flag can many with upraised arm, who is the way from the handle of the Great Dispersation to the coinside question, Flag can many the preamment to the coinside question, Flag control of the way for the first of the Great Dispersation to the coinside question, Flag control of the Great Dispersation to the coinside question of the Great Dispersation to the coinside question of the Great Dispersation to the coinside question of the Great Dispersation of the Great Disper

Capt. Bisset, who is salving the barge Georgian, has managed to float the wrecked ferry-barge, and the machinery in the cars on board is also being recovered. The majority of the twelve cars which were on the vessel when she went ashore are badly broken, and only the trucks will be recovered. The houses have been broken to kindling wood. The machinery was lifted from the water by means of a pile-driver, while with kedges the barge was hauled from the rocks on which she struck and has been taken to a wharf at Hornby island. She is badly damaged, one side being battered out of the vessel. It is improbable that the barge will be repaired and a new vessel, which, it is understood, will have steam power on board, thus dispensing with towage, will be built to replace her. Capt. Bisset, who is salving the barge

ALARM FOR EDITH.

Fears That Fishing Steamer Has Met With Accident.

According to a despatch from Seattle, alarm is felt for the fishing steamer Edith. When last seen, over ten days ago, the Edith was short of coal, and it is known that she was caught in the terrible storm of last week which played havoc with the steamers that ply in the southeastern Alaskan trade. The Edith is a fairly staunch craft. She carried twelve dories. Her fishing crew numbered 24 men, and she had besides her master, pilots, engineers and firemen, altogether over thirty men. News from the halibut banks is anxiously awaited. If the Edith has met with a mishap some of the other vesseis which operate on the banks are likely to have news of her. As the banks where the Edith fished are out of the line of travel of the Alaskan liners, she might have been wrecked and they hear nothing of the disaster.

THE NORTHERN ROUTE. Princess Beatrice Leaves Tonight for Naas and Way Ports.

Steamer Princess Beatrice leaves for Nass and way ports to hight in the stead of the steamer Tees, which had been scheduled to leave last night. The Princess Beatrice will take up a fair complement of gassengers, including a number of Chinese for the Northern canneries. She was withdrawn from the Victoria-Seattle route vesteday under conditions or Chinese for the Northern Chineses. She was withdrawn from the Victoria-Seattle route yesterday under conditions stated in another column. There will be a number of vessels struggling for the trade of the canneries and way ports of the northern coast this year. The steamer Venture, the machinery of which is being installed in the upper harbor, will be ready in a few weeks to enter service and machinery is being placed in the old bark Henrietta, owned by Captain S. F. Mackenzle. It is said that this vessel has already secured contracts with the canneries of the B. C. Packers' Association for freight. Then Captain Buckholtz and sociates are building a steamer at Vancouver, and the Union company will maintain their steamers Coquitiam and Cassiar on the foute, while the C. P. R. will have the Princess Beatrice and Danulee.

LIVERPOOL LINERS.

Schedule Announced for the Holt Liners Running to Victoria.

service between Liverpool and London and Victoria and Puget Sound via the Orient. The steamer Ping Suey, now on her fourth voyage here, is the first vessel to arrive under the new schedule. She is free days late, having been a week late in leaving the Thames by reason of fog.

Her scheduled sailing date from Tacomm was April 18, but the new date has been set at April 20. She is bringing between 3,000 and 4,000 tons of general freight. British Columbia ports and Puget Sound. Captain Ellison. Warrell is in command.

The next arrival of the rine will be the White Funnel steamer Onifa, now on her fourth voyage. She will sail from Yol. The Bine Funnel steamer Telemachus will follow, for her third visit here. She is scheduled to sail again June 8.

The White Funnel steamer Telemachus will feel white Funnel steamer Telemachus will have an advantage over the Sound laws being enforced. As fishermen on the Sound cannot commence catching to the new schedule she will sail from here August 3.

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London, March 30 .- The Associated Press learns at the foreign office today ly that Chancellor Von Buelow's announcedespite there many protestations that | Synod.

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poor sockeye will have been in vain. GOSSIP OF THE HOTEL LOBBIES.

Goes East to Interest Capital—Vancou-ver's Special Legislation.

Press learns at the foreign office today that Chancellor Von Buelow's announcement in the Reichstag yesterday of Germany's policy toward the Morocco case came as a complete surprise to the British government. It is believed, as had been practically declared, that Emperor William's visit to Tangiers was without political significance. When the Anglo-French entente was concluded in 1904. France officially informed Germany of the fact and also of the agreement between herself and Spain, signed six months later, whereby France was given a mandate to regulate the affairs of Morocco. Reforms in Morocco were imperatively necessary for the good of all the powers commercially interested in the country and as a concert of powers had proved so difficult and unwerkable in Turkey, China and elsewhere, where it had been tried, it was the opinion of the British government that one power alone could best exercise pressure on the Sultan of Morocco, and France, being by far the deepest concerned financially and commercially, naturally was given the mandate to institute reforms. As the open door was guaranteed and equal commercial rights ensured to all the countries concerned, and it was said at the foreign office that it is difficult to understand here what can be Germany's motive. The German attitude, it is believed, will certainly make the Sultan of Morocco defiant of the French and cause him to persist in his old time conduct, which will be destructive of trade and endanger life.

The editorial despatches printed in the London papers this morning all reflect a certain sense of uneasiness, almost amounting to irritation at the idea. Colonel Meinecke, who is largely interested in a galena mining proposition in the Hope mountains, and who has been a resident of Victoria for about been a resident of Victoria for about four years, a guest at the Driard, left yesterday evening for New York, having been summoned thence by wire on important business. Colonel Meinecke hopes to be able during his present visit east to interest influential capital in the enterprise, regarding the ultimate success of which he has not the

James Adam and wife and twenty-five members of the Ladysmith foot-ball team were guests at the Dominion

About a fortnight ago a gentleman introducing himself as Mr. John Berry and Its publication in the Church Messer has occasioned much comment in S been taken by the British government, and in Paris it seemed to be hoped that the visit of the British squadron to Brest or Cherbourg would be the occasion also of a visit by King Edward or some other was a peasant of this direction.

Antagonistic to Germans

St. Petersburg, March 30.—A telegram from Bachmut (Bessarabla), reports a peasant outbreak at Caseno against the German settlers there. The peasants threaten to take possession of the lands by force unless the Germans voluntarily give up possession. Cossacks have been hastly despatched to the scene.

Troducing himself to be acting for a syndicate of Boston capitalists, approached the provincial government with a modest request for a free grant of halt a million acres of the public domain on consideration that some 3,500 settlers would be located upon the coveted tract. The proposal has passed through the incubation process generally covered by the promise that it will be "given most serious consideration." Mr. Berry has been advised that the government cannot see its way clear to separate from the land in question. He says he will be back anon with another proposition more likely to command the favorable as well as the serious consideration of the public domain on consideration that some 3,500 settlers would be located upon the coveted tract. The proposal has passed through the incubation in the Church Messenger has occasioned much comment in St. Petersburg and in religious circles generally, and it is reported that the Holy Synod has decided to recommend to Emperior Nicholas the summoning of such a council. The question is a syndicate of Boston capitalists, approached the provincial government with a modest request for a free grant of halt a million acres of the public domain on consideration. The proposal has passed through the incubation process generally covered by the promise that it will be "given most serious consideration." The proposal has passed through the incubation in the Church Messenger has occasioned much comment in St. Petersburg and in re

BRITAIN'S REVENUE GROWTH.

London, March 31.—The revenue returns from the United Kingdom until March 31, 1905, show a net increase of \$9,124,125 over 1904 in the amount paid into the exchequer. The total revenue of the United Kingdom for the fiscal year was \$765,915,515. Austin Chamberlain's estimate of revenue returns of \$716,950,000 therefore shows that he was only short \$97,980. The previous year's estimate was short by nearly \$18,750,000. Alter Season? Wide Difference of Opinion Amongst Operators on the Mainland.

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Bona Fides.

A NEW ACADEMICIAN.

Americans Seld to be Seeking
to Test the Canadian
Bona Fides

Paris, April 1.—The Academic De
Baux Arts has elected John Singer Sargent to membership in place of the late
Adolf Von Menzel.

ASIATIC STEERAGE RATES.

On the question of whether the Fraser river canners should meet the request of Fisheries Commissioner Kershaw of Washington State. and alter the time of the British Columbia weekly close season, there exists a wide difference of opinion among canners, says the Vancouver Province.

Said R. P. Schwerin, on behalf of the owners of rail and trans-Pacific steamship lines, have decided upon some changes in the steerage passenger rates. A rate of \$51 Asiatic steerage to Chinese and Japanese ports has been agreed upon for the Canadian Pacific steamers at Vancouver, the Hill steamers at Seattle and the Harriman steamers at this port. The Japanese line at Seattle and the Boston Steamship Company are allowed to charge a rate of \$43.50. San Francisco, April 1.-J. Stubbe

any attempt to rectify the mistakes made by the fishery interests of Washington State in the legislation recently put through in Olympia.'
Said Mr. J. E. Macrae, another well any attempt to rectify the mistakes made by the fishery interests of Washington State in the legislation recently put through in Olympia.'

Said Mr. J. E. Macrae, another well known canneryman:

"I think that to show our sincerity in the stand we have taken to preserve the stand we have taken to preserve the request of the Washington. State people. It is immaterial to us when the weekly close season occurs. We can alter the time of its application by order in council, whereas the legislation on the other side of the line is so cumbersome that they can do nothing to rectify their error."

Errors Americans Made.

Through an error or misunderstanding the time of the weekly close season on Puget Sound, as established by the Mægler Bill, runs almost concurrently with the close season on this side of the line. Here the close season commences at 6 a. m. Saturdays and ends at 6 p. m. Sundays. On the Sound it starts at 6 p. m. Sundays. On the Sound it starts at 6 p. m. Sundays. On the Sound it starts at 6 p. m. Sundays. On the Sound it starts at 6 p. m. Sundays. On the Sound it starts at 6 p. m. Sundays. On the Sound it starts at 6 p. m. Saturdays and ends at 6 a. m. Mondays.

Fisheries Commissioner Kershaw, realizing that concurrent close periods would be of no benefit whatever in enabling the sockeyes to reach the spawn-

Russian Church

Movement for the Emancipiation From Political Control

New Development In the Great National Crusade for Reformation.

St. Petersburg, April 2.-(2 a. m.)-August 3.

The White Funnel steamer Keemun is the last liner included in the present schedule. She is on her third visit here, and is scheduled to all outward August

The White Funnel steamer Keemun is and 6 o'clock on Monday morning will the convocation of the general council to certainly fall to the nets of the Fraser river men when they commence fishing on Sunday night at 6 o'clock.

Some canners incline to the opinion the manifesto of a group of St. Peters-The movement for greater freedom for that the Sound people have no right to expect the Fraser river canners to re arrange the local close period in order to suit their convenience. It is in the provinces and is to the regarded der to suit their convenience. It is pointed out that the local close season has been established during a period of years, and when preparing to legislate for a close season on the Sound the fishing interests there should have informed themselves concerning what they were doing.

Bona Fides Under Test.

On the other hand, there are canners who believe that any disinclination to help the Americans out of the hole they have put themselves in will plainly demonstrate that the Fraser river canners have not the true interests of the sockeye fishing industry at heart, despite there many protestations that

Synod.

It is a mistake to suppose the movement is directed against the Emperor, with whose position as divine representative and viceroy upon earth the whole belief of the Russian church is bound up, but it is against the subordination of the church to civil authority, aims which have been steadily growing since the institution by Peter the Great, of the Holy Synod.

Apparently Mr. Kershaw has appeared with a case in point to test the bona fides of the Canadian canners. Should his request not be met there is a probability that the terms of the Megler Bill would never be enforced, in which case all recent efforts on behalf of the case all recent efforts on the case all recent efforts on behalf of the case all recent efforts on the ca The manifesto was followed yesterday stands in the way of reform.

The whole movement, in fact, is aimed at Procurer General Pobedonostseff and the Chancellerie under his direction, which, though in essence a political organization, has attained such power that without its permission no pulpit can be occupied, and not even reairs in the renotest government can be undertaken.

The influential journals are lending

The influential journals are lending support to the movement within the church, the Novoe Vremya declaring that the church is lying in paralysis, its voice no longer heeded, because of the predominance of the bureaucracy, which has made the office of Metropolitan nothing, and that of the Procurer of the Holy Synod everything.

DIVORCE CHURCH FROM THE STATE

Important Reform in Religious Policy Urged in Far Away Russia.

St. Petersburg, April 1.—(2 a. m.)—
The movement for severing the traditional bonds between Church and State, and giving to the Holy Orthodox Church independence and self rule, which will increase its influence among the people of Russia, has found favor with an important group of clergy at the capital, and a noteworthy document setting forth the views of those of this persuasion, which was presented to Metropolitan Antonius of St. Petersburg, has been received with sufficient consideration to insure its publication in the Church Messenger, the semi-official organ of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and one of the most important religious papers in the realm.

The document, after arguing that the

The document, after arguing that the church should free itself of obligation to the state in order to lend all its energies to the prosecution of its own special work and eliminate the suspicion that its ministrations may be inclined toward worldly ends and interests, demands the summoning of a general council of the summoning of a general council of the church to consider means of attaining the greater freedom required.

Russians, and must equally recognize the necessity of reform in the Orthodox Church if its influence is to live and

"If the spread of indifference in religion is to be checked, and if the church is to realize its high, God-given calling," the document declares "only a church free from external influence in the direction of all its affairs, thereby avoiding the liability of being considered a force of action under the influence of any obli-gations towards the state, can hope to

gations towards the state, can hope to check the spread of other faiths and creeds in Russia and retain the nation in the faith of its fathers."

The address urges that the Apostles and founders taught that the church "stands for the freedom, which Christ gave, and subject yourselves not to the state," and calls for a return to the original canonical freedom of the Russian

NATURALLY NOT.

St. Petersburg, April 1.—(12:20 a. m.)
—A report current here late last night
that Japan has declined to negotiate for
peace upon Russia's basis cannot be
traced to any responsible source.

PROFESSOR WHITE DROWNED.

Beloit, Wis., March 31.—By the capsizing of a canoe, Montague White, professor of oratory at Beloit college, was drowned in Rock river today. His companion, a student named Roy Andrews had a narrow escape. MORE RUSSIAN BRUTALITY.

Warsaw, March 31.—An anonymous threat to dynamite the gendarmerie barracks here led to deplorable scenes. Strong guards that had been placed outside the building at night seized and mercilessly beat everyone coming in the neighborhood of the barracks, compelling

IMMIGRATION IN MARCH. New York, March 31.—Immigration New York, March 31.—Immigration to America through the port of New York has reached unprecedented figures, the total arrivals in March numbering 97,000. Last year for the same month the arrivals were 47,877.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS.

By compelling a complete conversion of nutritious food into material for the repair of waste tissue, the formation of firm desh and pure red blood, Angler's Emulsion provides the elements essential to perfect health, strength and great power of endurance. It is ideal for weak stomachs. It is perfectly agreeable.

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Legislature Generally -Bills Considered a Stages.

Wednesday, A HE House assembled and after the custom the following was Mr. Hawthornthwaite i

The Premier moved that and all following days to the and all following days to the session, there shall be two tings on each day—one from 6 p. m., and the other from adjournment, unless others. Mr. J. A. Macdonald asked planation. During the first of the session, he said, the had been unable to keep the gaged for more than an hou Now they were unduly rund there was no justification. There was no justification invited an announcement f The Premier explained was nothing unusual in the tion. It was customary stages of a session, when t fairly seized of all the mat to observe the advantage business and that was what of the motion was. As for ters the government had

propositions under considurates soon as he was able would take the House into with respect thereto.

Mr. Macdonald replied the house was able would be no entirely referred. tions for the last two y business of the House to a position to say somethin that. Everybody knew tha ment was considering railw but there was little satisfa for the country. He asser Premier was hoodwinking the the members of his own pa the members of his own I The Premier observed donald's agreement to fac sage of railway legislation sition was susceptible to applied to him (Mr. McBri ords he was hoodwinking

the ground that it was of the one of which notice ha namely, "that on Wednesd all following days to the clo sion, there shall be two dis on each day—one from 2 pm., and the other from 8 p The Premier, whise disput was obliged to give notice of lution at all, agreed to wifirst one in favor of that at The Attorney-General the proportion when it are

The Attorney-General the amendment to make it apprinted of "next" Wednesd. This was opposed by the but passed on the following For: Davidson, Williams, Bride, Wilson, Cotton, Elli Bowser, Fraser, Ross, A Green, Fulton, Garden, Ta Young, Gifford, Macgowa (Grant—22. Grant 22.
Against: McInnes, Drur
Niven, Brown, Murphy, J
Tanner, Oliver, J. A. Mac
derson, Munro, Paterson,
Cameron—17.
Mr. Oliver moved in an

and to the resolution the words, "Providing that, in the government submits its icy to the consideration of and this led to some furth Mr. J. A. Macdonald up Premier for having broken

Premier for having broken a spect to the inauguration policy. How he asked coumember for Vancouver records a policy of "doing noth of the understanding upon gaged the suffrages of the invited the member for Ric plain his position today as ber of the House in view editorial of a year ago of tages of railway construct merit which would attach the ment in prospective accomp tages of railway construct merit which would attach the ment in prospective accompward this end. He appea to the Attoracy-General to picion which had seized that the government intenthe railway issue. That ge pledged to his constituents realization of the railway he satisfied with the broken his leader? Would he go couver and tell the peopl happened? The Minister of an estimable man. Was Tatlow who supported a 1902 in favor of the "inn struction of the Coast-Koot The people of Vancouver w give him if he failed to ma position he now held to adv terests in this connection. was Mr. Bowser. He also dairy to the people of the failed to ma position he now held to adversets in the House. If the the thin the discussion politics in the House. If the matters had been transpafest. He concluded with a vitation to the Premier to one of the railway proposit he government before the Mr. Brown observed that had been said on the sovernment, the question of struction was no further as

government, the question of struction was no further at it was in 1903. The hopeen raised by enunciation for had been disappointed. were now accumulating th ment proposed to get out of tions by making an abrupt prorogation. It was essen terests of the Boundary there should be means of the trial was of vital concern to industry and days on ment of the trial concern to the tr udustry and developm

industry and development of with respect to all its var could not be accomplished wavs were provided.

Mr. Williams said it might from the plaints of hon. In there was no transportation try at all. The uninforme gine that the leader of that to walk to Rossland baggage over miles of most the was not difficult to get reference.