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etting prices among the Ohina. Commencing on Friday, Feb'y 19th, we will sell Ohina Oups and Saucers heretofore varying in from 25c. to 40c., now 180.
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SPOT CASH. H. Macaulay, 89 KING ST

Russian Army of 40,000 Men Are Still South of Yalu River.

lapan Landed 40,000 at Che

Special War Bulletins To The Plane

Tokio, Feb. 24.—Reliable Tokeo, Feb. 24.—Reliable reports from northern Korca indicate that the Russians have not yet crossed the Yalu river. Their scouts have, it is rumored, penetrated into the country south of Waju, but the main force, estimated at 20,000 to 40,000 men, remains north of the river.

Seoul, Feb. 24.-The Russians been made. Russian spies, however, are reported to be in the vicinity of Ping-Yang.

Tien Tsin, Feb. 24.—Transportation

Che Foo, Feb. 24 .- Trains of 12 cars cach with 80 solders abroad, are now arriving frequently at Port Ar-Mines have been laid at Dalmy, 17 miles from the shore. Neutral ves-sels which arrived after the hostilibegan experienced great diffi-y in clearing from that port, al officers doing the piloting in

Pekin Feb. 24.-Qu'et continue here. The Chinese are maintaining order well. They have covered the province with proclamations enjoining the preservation of tranquility. Manifestoes of the Czar evoke little ympathy among the Chinese.

Paris, Feb. 24.—A Port Arthur de-patch printed here says the Japan-se have dethroned the emperor of force and annexed the country.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—The railway between Samara and Zlatoust, in European Russia, and the Siberian lines, with all the territory appropriated by the Government for the purposes of these railways, have been placed under martial law, in order to insure the regular running of military trains.

Nagasaki, Feb. 23.-A Japanese fly Nagasaki, Feb. 23.—A Japanese superior of the awift battleship Hatsase, is en route to Vladivostock, with the object of attacking that Russian stronghold. The next haval battle is expected to occur in the Japanese Sea off the next haval battle is expected to be cur in the Japanese Sea off the north-eastern coast of Corea or near Vladivostock. Much of the fee that has obstructed the harbor is report-ed to have cleared, and the port is open for either egress of the Russian fleet of the ingress of the Japanese

flying squadron.

The flying squadron is composed of one battleship, three first-class cruisers, a protected cruiser and three destroyers. The Hatsuse is capable of making nineteen knots, and is one of the best equipped warships in the Japanese navy. It is understood that the three first-class armored cruisers

the three first-class armored cruisers are the Asamo, Induma and Iwate. The protected cruiser is the Kasagai and the destroyers are the Akatsuki, Kasumi and Inazuma.

Latest reports received here are that the Russian fleet of three armored cruisers, one protected cruiser, one auxiliary cruiser, and ten torget do boats are in the harbor of Vladivosteet.

vostock.

The vanguard of the flying squadron was reported on Saturday as being off Chuk-San, on the eastern coast of Corea, four hundred miles from Vladivostock.

trom Vladivostock.

London, Wednesday, Feb. 24.— The Che-Foo correspondent of the Morning Post, under yesterday's date, says 40,900 more Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo, and that he had received confirmation of the report that some Japanese have landed at Pigeon Bay, others at Talien Wan, and that an engagement occurred on the night of Feb. 12. The correspondent at Seoul of the Daily Mail reports a panic at Ping Yang. Corea, which is regarded as heralding the approach of opposing armies.

DASH FOR THE OPEN SEA.

A special from Che-Foo says the bettled-up Russian fleet at Port Arthur is preparing to make a desperate dash for the open sea. As soon as the work of repair on the injured ships is complete the Russian fleet will make a combined attack on the Japanese squadron on guard.

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INFLICTED SLIGHT INJURY. According to the Standard's correspondent at Scoul, the Japanese bombarded Port Arthur at intervals between the 8th and the 14th of Feb., inflicting, however, but slight injur-

RAILWAY DESTROYED RAILWAY DESTROYED.

The report is confirmed, this correspondent continues, that 70 miles of railroad track and some important bridges have been destroyed between Harbin and Viadivostock. If the latter report is true, it would be agreat advantage to the Japanese, as Viadivostock is known to be very badly supplied, and it therefore could not long resist a Japanese attack. There is Ftill, however, no news of actual operations of any kind.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—Foreign Minister Lamsdorff yesterday sent the following circular to Russian representitives abroad:

"Since the rupture of hegotiations between Russia and Japan the attitude of the Tokio cabinet has constituted open violation of all customary have governing the motual relations of cirilized nations. Without specifying each partfordar violation of these laws on the part of Japan, the imperial government considers it necessary to draw the most serious attention of the powers to the acts of violance committed by the Japanese Government with respect to Korea. The independence and integrity of Korea, a fully independent empire, has been fully recognized by all the powers and the inviolability of this fundamental principle was confirmed by article 1 of the Simoneseki treaty powers and the inviolability of this fundamental principle was confirmed by article 1 of the Simonescki treaty and by the agreement especially concluded for this purpose between Japan and Great Britain on Jan. 30, 1902, as well as by the Franco-Russian declaration of March 16, 1902. "The emperor of Korea, foreseeing the danger of a possible conflict between Russia and Japan, addressed early in January, 1904, a note to all the powers declaring his determination to preserve the strictest neutrality. This declaration was received with satisfaction by the powers,

traity. This declaration was received with satisfaction by the powers, and it was ratified by Russia. According to the Russia minister to Korea, the British Government charged the British diplomatic representative at Scoul to present an official note to the emperor of Korea thanking him for his declaration of neutrality.

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"In regard of all these facts, in spite of all treaties, in spite of all treaties, in spite for its obligations, and in violation of the fundamental rules of international law, it has been proved by exact and fally confirmed facts that the Japan-ese Government, first, before the opening of host-lities against Rus-sia, landed its troops in the independ-ent empire of Korea, which had de-clared its neutrality; second, with a division of its fleet it made a sudclared its neutrality; second, with a division of its fleet it made a sudden affack on Feb. 8; that is, three days prior to the declaration of war, on two Russian warships in the neutral port of Chemulpo. The commanders of these ships had not been notified of the severance of diplomatic relations, as the Japanese maliciously, stopped the delivery of Russian telegrams by the Danish cable, and destroyed the telegraphic communication of the Korean Government. The details of the dastardly attack are contained and published in an official folegram from the Russian minister at Scoul.

"Third, in spite of the intermational laws above mentioned, and shortly before the opening of host littles, the Japanese captured as prizes of war certain Russian merchanships in neutral ports of Korea.

"Fourth, Japan declared to the emperor of Korea, through the Japanese administration and she warned the emperor what in case of his comcompliance, Japanese troops would occupy the palace.

"Fifth, through the French minister at Scoul she summoned, the Russian representatives at the Korean court to leave the country with the staffs of the Russian legations and consulate.

"Recognizing that all the above

"Recognizing that all the above "Recognizing that all the above facts constitute a flagrant breach of international law, the imperial government considers it to be, its duty to protest with all the powers against this procedure of the Japanese Government, and it is, firmly convinced that all the powers, valuing the principles which guarantees their relations will agree with the Russian attitude. At the time the imperial government considered it necessary to issue a timely warning that, owing to Japan's illegal assumption of power in Korea the Government declares all orders and declarations which may be issued on the part of the Korean Government to be invalid.

"I beg you to communicate this that, owing to Japan's illegal assumption of power in Korea the Government declares all orders and declarations which may be issued on the part of the Korean Government to be invalid.

"I beg you to communicate this document to the Government to the Government to which you are accredited.

"LAMSPONE"

senator when Mrs. Hanna thought best. Senator Hanna never saw the reply, which was as follows:

"February, 6th, 1904—Dear Senator: Indeed, it is YOUR letter from your sick bed which is touching, not my wist. May you very soon be within and as vigorous in your leadership and your friendship as ever.

"LAMSPONE"

RUSSIAN ARMY OPEN TO MILI-TARY ATTACHES.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—Military men desiring to accompany the Rus-sian army have been formally noti-fied that they can proceed when con-venient, but it is added that accommovenient, but it is added that accommodations and commissariat supplies cannot be guaranteed before March 15. No authorizations have yet been issued to war correspondents, and it is improbable that anything in this direction will be done until the concentration of troops is completed. The Chinese minister here has presented to the foreign office a note, similar in tenor to that handed to the government at Tokio, regarding Chinals neutrality, and the respect to be paid to the imperial tombs. It is understood that Russia has not made a specific reply but communicated to the minister a copy of her reply to Secretary Hay's note on the subject of China.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

J. L. Wilson & Son., architects, are completing plans for a new hotel for garney Ballard and Jos. Peltier, of Ribbury. The cost will be \$1,200.

The funeral of the late Arthur Potter, fireman at Toronto, took place on Monday. The funeral was a very large one, showing the sestem in Manchura, for attempting to blow up the railroad bridge over the Sangara river were disguised as coolies. They were areasted just as they were about to make the attempt. Inquiry revealed that they were Japanese of Feart Arthur, and Lieuts. Zoneloascha and Kaeutto of the sappers. They were at once hunged from the girders of the bridge. The newspapers of Peart Arthur, dated Feb. 4. reached St. Petersburg to the weeks in transit. Troop trains probably require a longer time on account of the difficulties at Lake

LETTER TO

Last Written Words of Late Senator Hanna—A Pathetic Note.

President's Solicitude for Well Being of Sick Man Touched Tender Spot.

Washington, February 23 .- Senator Hanna's 'last written words were in the form of a pathetic letter to President Roosevelt in which he acknowledged, in a way quite characteristic, the president's thoughtfulness in calling at his hotel to inquire about the senator's condition. The letter was ing at his hotel to inquire about the senator's condition. The letter was written by the senator on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 5, and was the last business of any kind transacted by him. After Senator Hanna's death President Roosevelt sent the letter to Mrs. Hanna, in order that copies of it with the words by the facility of the senator with few reds. might be made by the family for pres ervation. The original will be returned to President Roosevelt, who will treasure it carefully in memory of his dead friend. Elmer C. Dover, the senator's sec

Elmer C. Dover, the senator's sec-retary, returned to Washington from Cleveland this afternoon. Before leav-ing Cleveland yesterday he was auth-orized and requested by Mrs. Hanna to give the last letter of Senator Han-na to the public. Mr. Dover says that early in the afternoon of the day the letter was written he was called to early in the afternoon of the day the letter was written he was called to the senator's beside to take up some business matters with him. That proved to be the last time the senator was able to dispose of any business, either public or private. After transacting some business Mr. Dover informed the senator that President Roosevelt had called to inquire about his condition.

"Wasn't that nice of him," whispered Senator Hauna. "Wasn't that good."

WHAT THE SENATOR WROTE Later the senator again expres is deep appreciation of

his deep appreciation of the president's courtesy, and a little while afterward called for pencil and paper and wrote the following:

"My Dear Mr. President, You touched a tender spot, old man, when you called personally to inquire after me this morning. I may be worse, before I can be better, but all the same, such 'drops' of kindness are good for a fellow.

"Sincerely yours, (Signed) "M. A. HANA."

The next day a reply was received from the president with a note stat-ing that it was to be shown to the

LEAMINGEON BLAZE

(Special to The Planet.)

Leamington, Ont., Feb. 24.—The new brick block owned by Wm. McSween was burned to the ground this morning, The block was occupied by Cullen & Bancroft, furniture; Norman & Dawson, dry goods; and Mrs. May cook, furs. On the second floor were the Leamington business college and the Inland Revenue and Customs office. Loss \$35,000.

"May I use de telephone?" he asked to the second floor were "Say, I want dat man Alec Sterling, quick."

"What number?" came back at him.

"To Hades (or similar words to that effect) with de numbere. I want my chops."

There was a bur-r-r in his ear and

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

IS APPROVED

Passes Committee in Legisla-"ture Without Any Extended Discussion.

The Decisive Popular Vote gulesce in its Provisions.

The Toronto News of last evening says:—
The two chief bils dealt with by the Private Bils Committee this morning, were those respecting the City of Chatham overdraft, and the agreements between the City of St. Oatharines and the Cataract Power Company. Among the bills passed was the following:

No. 33. This is to confirm a by-law of Chatham to permit the city to issue debentures to the amount of \$50,000 to pay off a floating debt of \$49,734, which had accumulated over a series of years. The petition pointed out that the city, besides meeting all its other debenture draft charges, was paying off \$27,874 yearly on 16s water works debt. The floating debt was found as the result of a special audit. Hon. Mr. Gibson objected to the principle of permitting municipalties to run behind by overexpenditures and then to come to the legislature to get debentures legalized to pay off these debts without referring the matter to the ratepayers.

It was pointed out that Chatham eitizens had afready voted upon this by-law and carried it. When this was explained the bil was passed.

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His Worship Mayor McKeough this morning received a letter from the City Solicitor, now in Toronto. Mr. Wilson says that the Chatham till came up unexpectedly in committee yesterday, Mr. Pardo in charge. It was asked that the bill should stand over till Mr. Wilson should get to the House but the chairman said that everything was in such good order and the popular vote had been so decisive that they might run it through just as it was, which was it through just as it was, which was

Mr. Wilson says he will be at the House to-day to answer any nece questions for the third reading.

TALE WITH MORAL

night use to advantage in warning might use to advantage in warning citizens to abide by the city by-laws.

A man—who, by-the-way, may, be called, just for fun, of course, his wife's husband—was doing the morning chores about the house, carrying in coal, booking after the slows etc. He started to carry out the ashes with the intent purpose of depositing

them in the street-an awful thing to do. 'Twas a windy morning.
The sidewalk was slippory.
And the Conclusion:
A badly sprained wrist.
Clothes covered with ashes.
Much partified. Moral-Remember Maple City by-

PHONE WOULDN'T WORK

A well-known Frenchman from Pain Court was in town the other day to get some chops.

He went to the Canada Flour Mills, left his order for the chops and wan-dered over town, met some friends and visited a few hotels. The chaps and corn ince made him forget the and corn juice made him forget th

chops.
Shortly after six, however, he cam and remembered his mission to the city.

The Mills, of course, were closed, and the next place he struck was

Crow's coal office.
"May I use de telephone?" he ask-

chops."

There was a bur-r-r in his ear and he hung up the receiver in disguet.

Mr. Crow put him on the right track to find Aleck, and he got his

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Can you think of any. thing nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries about the work.

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make it worth your while

to come.