the landing, and a few seconds found myself at the bathroom Sure enough, there was someoue g in the room, so, taking my at the side of the door, I wanted the time as our friend chose to

out, when, in all probability, he trip over the chair; then would by time for action.

s curious, even in such moments, one's thoughts will wander to trihings, and I must confess hat standing shivering that cold Dermorning, waiting the course of, I was mentally cogitating how space my little adventure would by in the aext evening's paper, and by seemed to see half a column deto "Desperate Encounter With a ar-Heroic Capture," etc., but at point my soliloquy was broken by the door being slowly opened, as I anticipated, the fellow's foot the chair, as it fell backwards, wer he weut, dropping his dark in surprise, which went spin-lown the stairs. Before he could r himself I was on top of him ung on to his throat like a veribul-dog, determined to do or die, it would all have ended I should the to say, but fortunately at this I awoke to find the whole affair burglars had been a hideous hare, and that I was struggling ay wife, whose throat I was hold-a vice-like grasp. However, it tern reality I had now to deal in all conscience, so springing out and striking a light I lost no in putting forth my best endea-oresuscitate my poor spouse. I ardly, even yet, think of the next pur without a shudder. She was black in the face and at first I ther dead, but after a time I uccessful in slowly bringing her and with all reverence I can say did I offer up a more thankful than on that occasion. It was before my wife was able to be again, and I can assure you the of my fingers remained on her or weeks, as a memorial of my clous violence. If she had died ances would have looked very against me, indeed I much queshether I should bave been here the tale, as only a few weeks sour joint lives had been infor a considerable amount, and I you will agree that fact alone have been enough to have proved English jury that there was morthe crime, and anything I could did to vindicate my case would do very little effect. Now, every ould be adorned with a moral the present case I would solemnal all my hearers to let late and suppers severely alon

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Dominion **News Notes**

Investigating Alien Employment On the Grand Trunk Proceeds.

Crowds of the Starving Italian Laborers Walking the Streets of Montreal.

Reported Invasion of the Manitoba Lumber Market By U. S. Firm Denied.

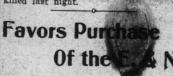
Montreal, May 31.—Judge Winchester resumed the inquiry into the question of the employment of Americans by the Grand Trunk Pacific this morning. Engene P. Quirk was the only witness heard this morning, who declared he had been refused employment by the Grand Trunk Pacific. Although sixty-eight years old. he was fully qualified as an engineer and had been engaged at over two hundred dollars per month by other companies. Regarding the employment of American engineers, J. R. Stephens, engineer in charge, said this morning that he had hever offered any inducement to American engineers, J. R. Stephens, engineer in charge, said this morning that he had hever offered any inducement to American to apply for positions on the new railway, but mainly their ability prompted him in employing them. Mr. Stephens said there were four engineers in all who nad come to the Grand Trunk from the Santa Feralway. Regarding himself he said Mr. Hays wrote to him inviting him to come to Montreal, but offered him nothing, but after he had had a conversation with Mr. Hays he decided to accept the position of engineer in chief of the surveys. He said he was employed by the Grand Trunk from the Santa Feralway. Regarding himself he said Mr. Hays wrote to him inviting him to come to Montreal, but offered him nothing, but after he had had a conversation with Mr. Hays he decided to accept the position of engineer in chief of the surveys. He said he was employed by the Grand Trunk from the Santa Feralway. The said he was employed by the Grand Trunk but was paid by the Grand

SIC TRANSIT GLORIA.

Worcester, June 1.—The Worcester, Spy, one of the oldest newspapers in the country, has suspended publication on account of financial troubles. The Spy was founded in 1779.

RUSSO-GERMAN AGREEMENT. London, June 1.—Regarding rumors of Russian-German agreements published here, the German embassy says the only agreement between Germany and Russia ni any way connected with the war is an agreement that Germany, like the other powers, shall remain neutral.

TROUBLE IN COLUMBUS.



U. S. COURT'S NEW SEAL. Ottawa, Kansas, May 31.—Flood conditions in this city are improving. The water today receded rapidly and miles has been swept clean, crops having been wiped out and much stock drowned been wiped out and much stock drowned to the court for the first time since 1790. The old seal was the size of a silver dollar. Today's order calls for a seal two and one-fourth inches in diameter, somewhat larger than the city.

> THE SHIPPING DEADLOCK. Civic Federation at Cleveland Try to Solve a Difficult Proposition.

Cleveland, O., June 1.—The special committee of the civic federation appointed to investigate the shipping deadlock was in executive session here throughout the day. The time was devoted to considering the statements made yesterday by both sides to the controversy. Judge J. C. Hutchins, chairman of the committee, stated that there was nothing to be given out for publication. "We have a mighty hig proposition on our hands," he added, "and it will require considerable time to get through the preliminary work of the task before us." No ressel belonging to the Lake Carriers' Association cleared from this port today.

Harbin Preparing

London Times Correspondent Says Many Heavy Guns Are Being Forwarded.

Painful Impression Said to Have Been Created By Kuropatkin's Decision.

Fight Near Liaoyang

The Japanese Attempt to Crush Force Which Had Harassed Them For Days.

Charging Russian Squadrons Driven Back By Deadly Machine Guns.

Mikado's Cavalry Weil Mounted And Were Wonderfully Active.

Liaoyang, May 30.—(Delayed in Pransmission.)—The Japanese lost two undred killed and a number of horse tilled in the fight at Vagenfuchu to lay. The Russians, opened fire at

day. The Russians opened fire at 8 o'clock in the morning, and after two flours and a half leng-range fighting the Japanese, under General Akkiama, prepared to charge and drush the force which had been harrassing them for 21 days. In the meantime General Samsonoff was approaching with a force of cavalry. It was a sight worth seeing when, at the word of command, the Russians squadrons formed line and rushed like a whirlwind across the terribly cut-up country, clearing away all ribly cut-up country, clearing away all obstacles, the batteries at the same time trotting along the frightful roads. Having passed their station the troops came under the fire of the Japanese machine guns, but withdrew without suffering much loss.

Are Not Near Town.

London, June 1.—The correspondent of the Standard at the Japanese head-quarters, telegraphing May 31st, says: "Repeated reconnaissances show that the Russian troops are not within fifteen miles of Fengwangcheng or east of the Tayang river for thirty miles in the direction of Sinyen. Notienling pass nay delay, but it cannot prevent, the Japanese advance, as the pass can be turned on either flank."

The Morning Post's correspondent at Shanghai learns that the Russians hanged a number of Chinese who have been caught signalling to the Japanese fleet near Vladivostock.

Port Arthur in **Desperate Straits**

Famine Prices Exist and Whole Streets Have Been Ruined By Japs' Shells.

Hospitals Packed and Work the Damaged Warships

MORE OFFICERS ARRESTED. Paris, June 1.—In L'Humanite M aures affirms that a lieutenant-colone

RECORD LOADING

Duluth, Minn., May 31.—The twin screw steamers D. G. Kerr and J. H. Reed belonging to the Provident Steamship Company today broke all records for loading wheat on the Great Lakes, each boat taking aboard 275,000 bushels in five hours.

REUBEN JONES DEAD.

Rochester, N. Y. May 31.—Reuben Accelester, N. Y., May 3I.—Reuben Jones, one of the oldest newspapermen in this part of the state, died here tonight aged 88 years. He was born in Dover, Vermont, and in 1838 became an editorial writer on the Vermont Phoenix at Battleboro, He came to Rochester in 1841.

Merchant Steamers in Togo's Fleet Accused of Sowing Mines.

WHAT KUROPATKIN SAID.

Paris, June 1.—The correspondent in St. Petersburg of the Echo de Paris says: "A friend of General Kuropatkin's fells me that before his departure the general said: The first month it will be said that I am inactive; the second that I am inactive; the third that I am a traitor because we will be repulsed and beaten, although that will not seriously affect the result of operations. I shall let people talk, firmly adhering to my resolution not to march before July, when I shall have the overwheming masses needed."

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Russian War Office Reports

Official Account of Affairs at the Front From the Commanders.

Japanese Movements Around Fengwangchen Still a Mystery.

St. Petersburg, June 1.-The war of-Will Not March Before July, When All fice has received reports showing that the Japanese are all in th the Japanese are falling back from