**Business and Prospects Be**gin to Brighten.

Liberal Offers Made of Mone With Which to Rebuild the City.

Vaults of the City Safe Deposit Companies Rapidly Being Cleared of Treasures.

Baltimore, Feb. 12.—The business situation appeared brighter today than at any time since the catastrophe. The regular transaction of business in the Chamber of Commerce included displays of southern grain, hay, straw and mill deed, and the usual calls and the posting of out-of-town markets, together with the receipt of grain by elevators and the payment of all checks by banks were events that sent a thrill of genuine considence through the business community.

ment to transfer money by telegraph to Baltimore from all cities having a sub-treasury, will probably be made a permanent thing. If it is, Baltimore will secure an advantage that it has long sought.

The decision of the Baltimore clearing house to resume exchanges between clearing house banks, will remove much incorvenience now handicapping business houses here. This will be done on Monday and will restore an important function of the banking business. A conference will be held tomorrow between the government committee of the stock exchange and the executive committee of the clearing house.

The purpose of this conference is to arrange for the standing call loans available funds for new loans and other points of interest. The offer of a New York insurance company to loan \$2,000.000 in Baltimore for rebuilding purposes is a striking illustration of the readiness of outside capital to invest in this city. This money is offered at 4 1-2 per cent., free of commission. Another insurance company has offered to lend the city \$500,000, available at once.

The task of clearing the pile of brick, mortar and rubbish from streets was pushed forward today with remarkable energy. The work of emptying the safe deposit vaults in the ruined buildings has progressed rapidly. This is being done with extraordinary precautions. An escort of United States cavalry accompanies the wagons on which the treasures are hauled. Sharpshooters in plain clothes ride on the wagons and detectives follow closely on the sidewalks.

Clenks of the banks owning the valuables are also on the alert and it is impossible to get within ten feet of these vehicles. The money and securities in these vaults are being carried to the vaults of banks and companies that escaped the fire.

Taltimore, Md., Feb. 12.—Proof of the fact that Baltimore is resuming its mormal condition was given today when all the banks opened in temporary quarters suppolied with funds.

At a conference held today between Mayor McLane and the citizens' committee, it was decided that no c

London, Feb. 11.—At Lloyd's today 30 per cent. was paid to insure against the risk of war between France and Great Britain within six months. Yesterday the rate was 20 per cent. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha announces that the steamer Inaba Maru arrived safely at Hongkong this morning.

Japanese Squadron Makes Determined Attack on Russian Stronghold-Captures Seven Warships and Sinks a Number of Others-Russian Bank Building Destroyed-Great Rejoicing in the City of Tokio-Fall of Port Arthur Is Imminent.

London, Feb. 12:--In a despatch from Nagasaki dated Feb. 10th, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "There has been a renewed attack on Port Arthur. The Japanese captured seven Russian ships and chased others.

"There have been disturbances at Port Arthur in which a number of Japanese civilians were killed or imprisoned. "A Chinese mob has destroyed the telegraph line around New Chang."

In a despatch from Shanghal dated Feb. 12, 2 a.m., a correspondent of the Dally Telegraph says: "The bombardment of Port Arthur continues. Three Russian cruisers have been sunk. The Russian bank building has been destroyed." 

London, Feb. 11.—A despatch to the Vossiche Zeitung from Yokohama says the greater number of the Russian warships at Port Arthur have already been disabled, and that several Japanese warships have been sent home for repairs. It was said at the foreign office here this evening that the assertion of the Novoe Vremya of St. Petersburg that the Japanese from the Japanese destroyers, and out in front over a disabled the Japanese from the Japanese from the Japanese from Japanese Scene of the Sinking of the Russian Cruiser Variag

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St. Petersburg. Feb. 12.—The Czar today received a telegram from Vicerpy delevation of the Russian warships during the home bardment by the Japanese fleet at Port arthur. It says: The Czarevitch and Pallada were brought into the harbor Tuesday. The Retusan is making temporary repairs to a hole. Repairs to the battle-hips are so complicated that it is difficult to say when they will be ready."

"The Pallada and Novik will be docked in turn and we expect them to be read in a fortnight. All the other vessels in in jured are now repairing and coaling in the harbor. I expect them to be leady in three days. The wounded officers, Lieut. Colone. Zalontchkovsky of the artillery corps and Lieut. Petrof, are doing well. Four of the wounded have died. A majority of the injured belonged to the cruiser Pallada, and their injuries are due to gases from the

# Naval Reinforcements

London, Feb. 11.—In a despatch from Copenhagen a correspondent of the Daily Mail says: The Russian Baltic squadron of fifteen warships passed through Danish waters today, en route for the Far East, around Cape Skagon, but as a fierce storm was raging in the North Sea the Russian admiral ordered the squadron through the Kaiser Wilhelm canal."

# Chinese Are

No Returns From the Poll Tax.

Copies of Interim Neutrality Proclamation Forwarded to Collectors.

Funny Sides American Papers Must Be Mailed With News Section.

From Our Own Correspondent:
Ottawa, Feb. 12.—A fire which started in the basement of the Geological Survey building, was quenched by the timely action of Mr. Wait, an assistant chemist.

WEDDING AT NANAIMO.

City on Wednesday Evening.

Nanaimo, B. C., Feb. 11.—A very pretty wedding took place last evening at the Wallace Street Methodist church, being that of Mr. Elnoch Mugford, of Vancouver, and Miss Emily Norris, of this city, the youngest daughter of the late George Norris, Esq., the founder of the Free Press. The church was filled with relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. M. Sanford, and the wedding march was played by Mrs. Calbick. The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother, Mr. George Norris, who gave her away. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Gladys Leighton, and wore a dark blue cloth traveling costume, trimmed with white

ENGAGEMENT CANCELLED.

has been received here of the milit. Chemulpo, the landing of Japanese of the obwing up of a bridge on the Man churia railroad.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 11.—George W. Stewart, manager of the bureau of much railroad.

Strucents uniformed and bareheaded this afternoon paraded in front of the Kasen catheural and went to the Winter palace. They were followed by several thousand persons singing the matter than the most of the man of the Imperial Guard would the sent to St. Louis. The band of the sent to St. Louis. The band of

FOR JAPANESE NAVY.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 11.—It is authoritatively stated that a representative of the Japanese government was in the city today for the purpose of making arrangements with the Richmond locomotive works and the Traedegar Iron Works for manufacturing projectiles and armament for the Japanese navy..

AMERICAN BARK WRECKED. Hamilton, Bermuda, Feb. 11.—The American bark Lillian, Capt. Campbell, from Philadelphia, February 2nd, for Charleston, struck on the reefs yesterday afternoon and the crew abandoned her. Tugs are endeavoring to tow they vessel to St. George, but it is doubtful if they will be successful.

A CHANCE TO GET. EVEN. Constantinople, Feb. 11.—In diplomatic circles here the fear is increasing that the Turks and Bulgarians will take advantage of Russia's pre-occupation in the Far East to settle their differences.

# QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY FOR THE CHURCH

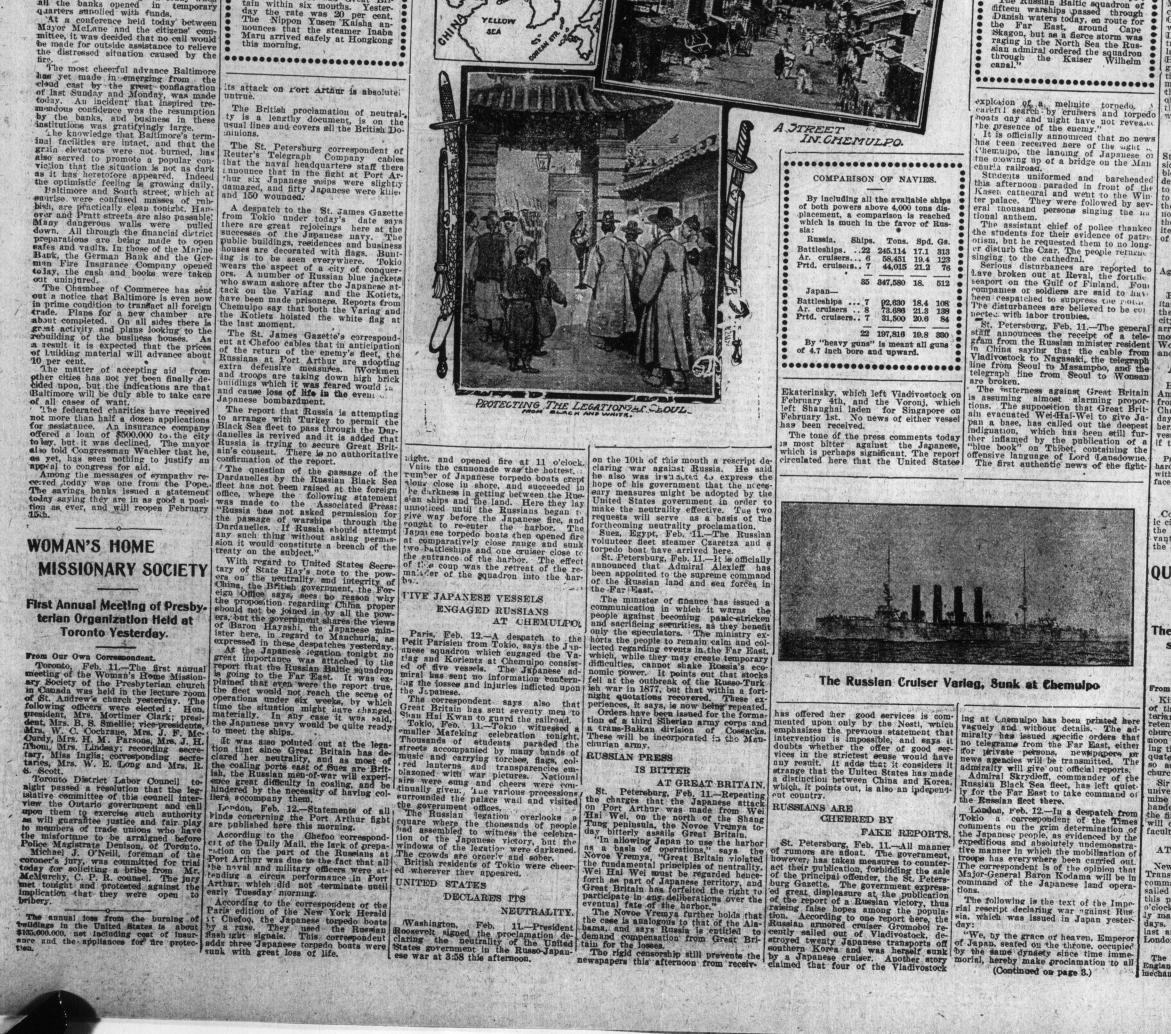
The Committee of General As sembly Recommend More Adequate Endowment.

Kingston, Feb. 11.—The commission of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada regarding the retention of Queen's university by the church, concluded its labors this aftermoon by adopting a report recommending the general assembly to provide adequate endowment for Queen's university so as to retain the college for the church.

church. Sir Sandford Fleming has given the noiversity one-tenth interest in a containing near the Rocky mountains. He has handed the trustees a check for \$500 as the first return. The finance committee will consider the appeal of the medical faculty for stronger support.

ATLANTIC LINER OVERDUE.

New York, Feb. 11.—The Atlantic Transport Line steamer Maniton in command of Capt. Cannons, which sailed from London January 28th for this port had not been sighted up to 1 o'clock this morning. The ressel usually makes the passage in ten or eleven days. She was expected on Monday last and is scheduled to leave here for London tomorrow.



# **Excluded** During January Ottawa Received

Northern Capit Winter Has Been Very ( Since New Year, But Little Snow.

News From the

# In Grand Forks Townspec are Sinking Shafts in Town Lots.

THE LAND A second paystreak paralleling first ever discovered on lower Domion has lately been struck on benches opposite 235 below low James H. Powell, one of the men w made the strike, says:

"The new paystreak is on the theorem of benches. Both are on the right of benches. Both are on the right. The theory is that the first teame out of Gold Run and follow along Dominion. Where the new paystreak originates is a question. Below treak originates is a question. Below treak originates is a question. On the first that the pay that we have in the second or the pay that we have in the second control of the second control o

along Dominion. Where the new postreak originates is a question. Belo our claim pay has been struck on the dourth tier.

The pay that we have in the sound paystreak is not high grade, it is sufficient to warrant pursuing twork. When we began work on third ther claim we were laughed by old-timers in the vicinity. The tent of the pay is yet unknown. It me be proven rich.

"George Wittemore is doing well-did Gold Run. The claim was work before by Lucas without success." Dominion would not complain there were more snow for the roa where the wood-haulers operate."

Frank Billo, of Gold Bottom an Miss Louise Arsenault, of Dawson, we married at St. Mary's church yesterds morning. The ceremony was performe at 9 o'clock in the presence of a feintimate friends of the contracting paties. Afterwards a wedding breakfawas served to the party in honor of the young married couple by Ars. Satisfand.

A menacing glacier exists on the genument road on Calder. J. W. Ramond, a Quartz miner, who was in the city yesterday, stated that the glacie is one of the most dangerous he has seen in the country, and yet the government has done nothing to reduce o check it.

"The glacier is made passible," say Raymond, "through the efforts of the wood haulers. They cut it down and ditch it in order to get their rigs along the highway."

The fire department spilled out of bed at 2 o'clock yesterday morning It was 52 below zero, and the boys expected a hard run through the consolation of knowing that they did not have to turn out.

The board of control of the free library met last night, and decided to permit the French Literary society to use the rooms of the library for their meetings and to circulate their books through the free library.

Stewart has the record for cold to-day. The registration there at 9 a.m. was 61 below, and a northwest wind was mixed with it. The report from Yukon points by wire today followe:
Fortymile—Clear; calm; 56 below.

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Stewart—Clear; light northwest wind;
61 below.
Selwyn—Clear, south wind; 57 below.
Selwirk—Clear; calm; 40 below.
Yukon Crossing—Clear; light northwest wind; 42 below.

Big Salmon—Cloudy; light northwest wind; 58 below.
Lower Laberge—Foggy; light northwest wind; 58 below.
Orilvie—Clear; calm; 60 below.
Whitehorse—Clear; calm; 30 below.
The report that was circulated a short time ago that Tommy White found a valise containing \$7,000 in gold dust is thought rather funny as it is safe to say that there is not that quantity of dust in circulation in the country at this date. But at any rate this reported \$7,000 boiled down amounted to a sum not exceeding \$450 and was made up mostly of checks. It was misunderstood, that's all.

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Owing to the intense cold weather the Hunker social club has postponed its dauce to Tuesday evening, the 18th.

C. Galt and partner, who were work-ing No. 4 below on Bear creek, have "yumped the yob" and have quit the creek.

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Last Saturday evening the people of Hunker and Gold Bottom met at Gold Bottom town, from where they proceeded to No. 6 below, where lives Miss Agnes Murray. The lady never dreamed of what was coming, About forty souls were in the crowd of merry makers. The evening was spent in dancing. It will not be said at what hour the guests took their departure.

S. A. D. Bertraud, superintendent of public works in the Yukon, and Arthur Wilson, inspector of territorial licenses, returned last evening in Mr. Bertrand's private rig from a visit to Whitehorse.

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Messrs. Wilson and Bertrand were
gone three weeks. Mr. Wilson, durting his absence made a short run
from Whitehorse to Skagway. He reports finding no one violating the liquor laws.

The judgment of Mr. Justice Dugas
in Lewin vs. Stark, allowing and continuing an injunction to restrain the
defendant from carrying on mining
operations on No. 4 above Dominion.
in which he held one-half interest and
the plaintiff the other half, was reversed on appeal brought by the defendant, and the appeal allowed with
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Mining is being carried on extensively at Grand Forks under the houses there. There is every indication that as time passes the owners of the lots will still take greater advantage of their lots holding to engage in mining, and from the present showing it is even possible that many of the lots may have their buildings torn out, the property becoming more valuable for mining than as city property.

The discovery of gold on the townsite of Bonanza in paying quantity was the work of the past summer. Who first dug and washed has not been made known. At present the heaviest digger is Toby, the barber. Toby is fortunate in that his shop is smaller than his lot, and he is able to dig out in the back yard in the intervals between customers. Toby has pay and is now proceeding with the good work of building a dump, using the labor of several men for this purpose.

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Speck, who lately acquired the Grand hotel, seems to have had the gold underneath the hotel in view, for immediately upon acquiring his new property he commenced digging and taking out a pay dump, and is at present working the property. It is understood he is doing quite well, the daily pannings promising a goodly clean-up in the spring.

The work the past year has demonstrated the paystreak to run under the entire townsite. The Dewey and Gold Hill hotel sites are included. Unfortunately for the proprietors of the Gold Hill thotel sites are included. Unfortunately for the proprietors of the Gold Hill thotel sites are included. Unfortunately for the proprietors of the Gold Hill the building covers the entire lot, and there is no opportunity given to sink a shaft without sinking through the dining room floor.

The discovery of the pay brings up the question of rights. The c'a'z. Note above on Bonanza. was originally the property of Frank Berry and sestions of the claim, there being thought to be no gold on that side of the creek at all. On applying to the officials for surface rights for a townsite Max learned that to obtain the grant he would have to forfeit the mining rights he had secured from Berry and creater that the content of the claim, there is no opportunity given to sink a shaft without sinking through the dining room floor.

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