## MORE FORTS TAKEN BY THE JAPANESE

## Besiegers Captured Number of Important Positions in Second Line of Defences at Port Arthur.

Hand-to-Hand Fight in the Trenches---Chinese Report That Attacking Force Lost 3,000--- The Japs Now Control City's Water Supply.

-A correspondent of the Associated Tsintau dispatch will not be given ou Press wires from Mukden under date of to the press in order to avoid giving need-September 24th that the greatest uncertainty prevails there as to whether Gen. le Kouropatkin will accept or refuse battle chief danger lies in the overcrowded with the Japanese.

Another Associated Press correspond-Port Arthur. It is pointed out that if ent telegraphs from Harbin on the same the epidemic despite all precautions of date and says that it is reported that a tains a foothold it is likely to affect the Japanese column is moving up the Liao Japanese as well as the Russians. river and threatening Tie pass. Meanwhile the advance of the main Japanese force continues extremely slow.

THE JAPANESE ARE FORTIFYING LIAO YANG.

Mukden, Sept. 24.-The situation here cannot be definitely stated, as each day brings forth conflicting reports, on one day it being said that the Russians expect the Japanese to affack, and the next that the Russians are forming the offensive. According to a Chinese report received, the Japanese are actively engaged in fortifying Liao Yang and have completely demolished the railroad bridge across the Taitse river, of which the Russucceeded woodwork.

NO FIGHTING ON THURSDAY OF FRIDAY

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.-A dispatch from Gen. Kouropatkin, dated yester-day, announces that not any of the Russian detachments were engaged dur-ing Thursday. Gen. Kouropatkin also reports that all was quiet along the entire front yesterday.

The Associated Press learns on ur questionable authority that Major-Gen. Orloff, whose precipitancy in leaving height's on Sykwantum exposed Gen. Kouropatkin's left flank and necessitated the abandonment of Liao Yang, will be detached from the Manchurian army, and given another command in European Russia, or perhaps he may be re-tired. The detachment of Gen. Orloff was ordered by Gen. Kouropatkin, who has full power to do so without restoring to a court-martial. The official report that Brigadier-Gen. Fomin, of Gen. Orloff's division, was dead, and the subsequent development that he is only severely wounded, reveals the extent of con-fusion into which Orloff's division was Gen. Fomin is in the hospital

Gen. Kouropatkin has just presented colors to the ninth Siberian division commanded by Gen. Kongratsvitch, which was formed just before the war. There was formed just before the war. There was no time previously to prepare colors for this division, which fought bravely at Wafangow without them.

est bravery.

It is rumored that Gen. Grippenberg, tains. commanding the troops at Vilna, has peen selected to command the second Manchurian army in place of Lieut.-Gen.

PARIS STORY OF ASSAULT IS DENIED.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.-There is no truth in the story published by the Matin, of Paris, this morning to the effect that telegrams reached the Emperor at 4 o'clock this morning announcing that the sault on Port Arthur and that the whole of Admiral Togo's and Vice-Admiral Kamimura's squadrons were aiding in the struggle, which, it was further asserted, it was feared here would be final. A pathetic echo of the battle of Liao

Yang is related by a Russian corre-randont. Gen. Marston and Col Van Raaben were moveany nonaneu by smap a Sister of Mercy, had just arrived at resistance not being strong. Liao Yang. By the strange irony of fate she was sent out to attend her dying hus- ment the artillery from Fort Kouropat-

FIFTEEN THOUSAND SICK AND WOUNDED.

Tsintau, Sept. 24.-Advices received here say that there are fifteen thousand sick and wounded at Port Arthur

RUMORS OF CHOLERA AT PORT ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—Although no tain, which is now threatened from a confirmation has been received up to new quarter as well as from Pali-5.10 p. m. at either the war office or the chuang. admiralty of the report from Tsin'au that At 5 o'clock of the afternoon of the cholera had broken out at Port Arthur, 20th, the Japanese captured a suppleit is admitted that possibly it is true owing to the terrible unsanitary conditions around the fortress arising from the heavy fighting for tain. This ended the heavy fighting for the number of decaying corpses there. that day, although the Japanese later which, as the Daily Telegraph remarks.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25 .- (12.25 a. m.) But until confirmation is received the ss alarm to the relatives of the brave i defenders. The announcement, none the ess, has caused the deepest concern. The Chinese quarters, but it is believed that comparatively few natives are left a

> The admiralty has not yet received any confirmation of the report that vessels of the Vladivostock squadron have put to

STEAMER DELAYED BY THE JAPANESE

Chefoo, Sept. 24 .- The steamer Vic ria, which arrived here this evening rom Newchwang, heard two hours heavy firing at Port Arthur this morning city. The steamer was twice stopped by

LINE OF DEFENCES

leved here that the Japanese have captured six forts in the second line of de-fences at Port Arthur since September 19th. The hope of a speedy reduction of the fortress is running higher.

JAPS CAPTURED FORTS -LOSS 3,000 MEN.

Chefoo, Sept. 25-10.30 p.m.-As the result of a battle before Port Arthur, which began September 19th, the Japanese succeeded in capturing several important positions, and to-day the Russian tenure of the big forts guarding north, northeast and northwest sides of the town is seriously threatened. Chinese information places the Japan

sese losses under 3,000 for the three days' fighting, and this comparatively small casualties list is due to the exces sive care used by the Japanese in making their preparations for the advance. have information that the Japanese ses were unusually severe, amounting to fully three times that number men

Possibly the most important fighting was that of Fort Kouropatkin, which, while of minor value with regard to prevention of the entrance into the town of Japanese, had been constructed for

Control of the Water Supply is now in the hands of the Japanese. The rumor that Gen. Stakelberg was included in the disgrace of Major-Gen. As was announced in these dispatches on September 20th, the battle began be-Orloff is not true. Gen. Kouropatkin fore daybreak on September 19th. At amended his original report, in which he this hour the citizens and garrison of criticized Gen. Stakelberg, and now ex- Port Arthur, after the enjoyment of orierated the latter from all blame for weeks of comparative security, awoke to the Russian reverse at Yentai, adding that Gen. Stakelberg displayed the greatmountains to Rihlung and Kikwan moun-

This was but a preface to the assault which was destined to result in the capture of three new and important Russian annoving forts lying between Shushiyen and Rihlung mountains.

During the day and night of the 19th

and until noon of the 20th the bombardment continued without cessation, and the many shells falling from quarters which previously had been silent made it obvious that the Japanese had at last succeeded either in mounting many heavy guns in new positions, or in strengthening their old positions. fantry fighting during the period was

comparatively trivial.

At noon on September 20th, the Japanese right and centre, the former being to the west, and the latter to the east of the railroad commenced the advance.

el bursting in a Chinese hut in which and in frequent natural cover that lay in they were sitting. Marston's young and | their way. The small forts to the south beautiful wife, who had volunteered as resisted this advance but briefly, their

band. Marston lived for hours, suffering terribly agony. His whole body was torn by shrapnel. His wife, who never had been growing steadily weaker, and it having become apparent that it had been practically silenced, the Japanleft his side, followed her husband to the grave. The sight moved hardened vet-kin is situated at the south of Palichuang, and to the northeast of the its name from the time when General Kouropatkin inspected it, pointed out the weakness of the position, and ordered that it be strengthened as far as possible, being of necessity for the protection of the water supply. While situated in the chain of main forts, Kouropatkin never has been as strong as the others, and after severe fighting it was captured. This capture lessens further

were compelled to resist several attacks. During the night the heavy bombard ment of the Russian positions continued, the Japanese fire being directed with particular vigor against another supplementary fort 3,000 yards to the west of the fort on Itze mountain, and regarded as highly important because of its bearngs on the Itze and Anshu mountain

The next day, after having Pounded This Position Unmercifully,

and until its fire had slackened visibly the Japanese delivered their assault. They met with a stubborn resistance. They were exposed to the fire of ma-chine guns and rifles, and they made frantic effort to reach the crest of the slope. They leaped over trenches and embankments and tore down the entanglements in their path, until at length they entered the fort. The Russian troops there refused to desert their position, even in the face of the superior numbers which confronted them, and desperate hand-to-hand fighting occurred in the fort. Eventually almost the

entire Russian garrison was either killd or wounded. The foregoing information has been obtained from a Chinese of unimpeach-Military experts here are of the opinon that if the Japanese capture either Rihlung, Kikwan forts or the Itze and Anshu forts, the doom of Port Arthur is

sealed, and for this reason the importance of the results obtained by the Jap

nese in their lastest assaults upon Rus-

sian positions is obvious. The Chinese, from whom the correspondent of the Associated Press obtain ed his information, left Port Arthur the night of September 21st. He is unable o say whether the battle was renewed on the 22nd or not, although junks have ome in here bringing reports of a bom-

bardment of the day.

A steamer which has arrived from Port Dalny confirms the previous re-ports that there was heavy fighting at Port Arthur on September 24th.

UPPLIES FOR THE PORT ARTHUR GARRISON.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.-The repor of the arrival of several shiploads of pro-visions, medicine and ammunition at Port Arthur is causing the liveliest satis faction here, and strengthens the con riction that the fortress can hold out.

The news of the arrival of a new su ly of ammunition is especially gratify ing, as the expenditure of powder and hot must, according to all accounts, have een enormous, and latest reports having indicated that the garrison was begin owder, which is entirely unsatisfactory REPORTED REPULSE

OF THE JAPANESE. St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.-2.30 a. m. dispatch received here from Chefoo states that the Japanese, having aug-mented their artillery, with 12-inch guns, began a fresh bombardment of Port Arthur on September 10th, lasting until September 19th, when it culminated with a heavy attack, which was repulsed with

CONFIDENT OF FINAL OUTCOME OF STRUGGLE.

Tokio, Sept. 25 .- An increasing feeling of sobriety and seriousness marks the popular attitude toward the war. It is doubtful if the masses appreciated in the beginning the seriousness of the task of expelling Russia from Manchuria. They had an easy confidence in the ability of the army and navy to reduce the fortress of Port Arthur, destroy the Russian fleet and cruish Gen. Kouropatkin. Events at Port Arthur and Liao Yang

have impressively warned the Japanese to prepare for a long and trying war. Confidence in the final outcome, however, prepared to make sacrifices and pay the price that suffices demands. There is general confidence in the ability of Field Marshal Oyama to drive Gen. Kouropatkin into Harbin and to successfully resist a reinvasion of Manchuria. early possession of Port Arthur is also

GRIPPENBURG COMMANDS THE SECOND ARMY.

St. Pefersburg, Sept. 25.-The Emperor has appointed Gen. Grippenburg commander of the troops at Vilna, to ommand the second Manchurian army. Gen. Grippenburg succeeds Lieut.-Gen. Emperor Nicholas has sent the follow-

ng autograph letter to Gen. Grippen-"The infense energy with which Japan

is conducting war and the stubbornness and high warlike qualities displayed by the Japanese impel me to considerably strengthen the forces at the front in order to attain a decisive success in the shortest possible time. Since by this increase the units will reach a figure makng their continuance in one army imible, without prejudice to the pro per direction, manoeuvring and mobility of the troops, I have found it necessary to divide the active forces in Manchuria

Kouropatkin. I appoint you to com mand the second. Your many years service in warlike exploits and your wide experience in training troops assure me that you following the general directions of the commander-in-chief will success fully lead to the attainment of the objects of the war and the army entrusted

"God bless you for your great and glorious services to me and to Russia. "Ever your affectionate

"NICHOLAS" Gen. Grippenburg is 66 years of age. He served in the Crimean war, and disinguished himself in the Polish insurection of 1860 and in the Turkestan ampaign in 1867. For his part in the latter he received the St. George's cress and a sword of honor. He commanded the Moscow Guards regiment in the Turko-Russian war, and in that conflict was promoted to the office of major

ALL INTEREST NOW CENTRES IN FORTRESS

London, Sept. 26 .- Interest in the fate of Port Arthur again has grown so keen

together with the Emperor's remarkable letter to Gen. Grippenburg, shows that Russia at last has awakened to the magitude of her task and the character of her foe. It is assumed by the paper that Gen. Kuroki is carrying out portant turning movement, but owing to the secrecy of the Japanese movement is regarded as useless to indulge in specu

REPORTS TROOPS IN EXCELLENT HEALTH

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.-Gen. Kourd patkin has sent the following dispatch to the Emperor, dated Sept. 23rd: "There is no change in the situation to-day. The health of troops is good."

BATTLE NEAR "HOLY CITY."

EXPECT A GREAT

perations around Mukden is believed to e due not only to the fatigue of the Japanese troops and the slowness in getting up necessary additional supplies, but to a distinct understanding between the Chinese and Japanese that there shall be no bloodshed near the "Holy City," where the Chinese Emperors are buried. It is expected, however, that there will be fighting north or northeast of Muken, possibly on a larger scale even than that at Liao Yang. The weather has ome settled, and the best season of the year is now commencing with pro-

pects of a warm dry autumn,

VOLUNTEER FLEET STEAMERS HAVE SAILED.

Port Said, Sept. 25.-The Russian lunteer fleet steamers Smolensk, with 50 tons of coal, and the St. Petersburg, with 100 tons have sailed from here ensibly for Libau. The orders to the been cancelled.

TRADE BETWEEN BRITAIN AND COLONIES

Speech Delivered at the Annual Banquet of Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Montreal, Sept. 23.-The annual ban uet of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in the Windsor hotel last night was a fitting climax to what is onsidered to have been the most suc essful convention in the history of the association. The speeches, which were not started until a late hour, were of notable character. The inaugural address of the new president, W. K. George, Toronto, was an eloquent plea for a broad Canadian and Imperial

and the Empire," was proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who, in a brief speech, declared that uniformity of tariffs between the different parts of the Empire was an impossibility, and suggested trade treaties between the Mother Country and the colonies as a solution of the

Sir Howard Vancent, in reply to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, said he could assure Canadians that the people of England would spare no effort to overcome the lifficulties in the way of better trade relations with the colonies. Regarding the preferential tariff now in operation, he said he was sure that, according to the said the was sure that, according to the service of the company some 20 the service of the company some 20

was worth looking after, especially whe Canada had reached a point where it desired to dispose or goods that had to be dumped somewhere. The dependence of West Indies, he regretted to say, relied more on the United States, but it was conceivable a turn would come with the remarkable strides Canada was mak- it will probably exceed 70 before Tues-

everybody was expecting the Premier to say something about the tariff, but he had said nothing. He was glad, however, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was not reposed to better relations with the Mother Country. He strongly advocated eferential trade between the Mother ountry and the colonies.

Hon. G. W. Ross, in proposing "Can-adian Industry and Commerce," strongly advocated protection to Canadian industries, and suggested the erection of half a million dollar palace in London for the display of Canadian goods.

Addresses were delivered by F. D.

Monk, M. P., Hon, W. Paterson, C. C. Ballantyne and others.

SALMON SEINING OUTFIT WAS SEIZED

At Oyster River, Vancouver Island by Men Arrested.

Vancouver, Sept. 23.-The Dominio government tug Ruth arrived last night, having stized a large salmon seining outfit at Oyster river, Vancouver Island. The Ruth had in tow a small steamer.

two scows, and brought a thousand dol-lars worth of nets. Ten men were arrested, six being left in charge of the police at Quathiasco Cove and four being brought to Van couver.

WILL BUILD RAILWAY Vancouver, Sept. 23 .- Messrs. Far-

ngton and Ward, of the Great Northern, left here this morning for the Similkameen. Traffic Manager J. C. Eden re-turned from there yesterday, and the first mentioned officials heard his report He reported in favor of the imn construction of a railway from Midway o Princeton by way of Hedley City, i view of the large mining development Mr. Eden's report is to be acted upon a once and Messrs. Ward and Farrington are going up to make the final arrange-

## IS INCREASING

PASSENGERS ARE DEAD

Several of Survivors in Critical Condition-Wreck on Burlington Read-Other Accidents.

Mukden, Sept. 25 .- The halt in active Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 24.-The mos lisastrous railway wreck known to this section occurred at 7.15 o'clock this morning on the Southern railway, about one and one-eighth miles west of Hodges' station and eighteen and one-half miles east of Knoxville. The result of the ollision of two passenger trains is that about 50 people are dead and over 125 injured. The colliding trains were eastbound through passenger trains, No. 12 from Chattanooga to Salisbury, N. C., leaving Knoxville at 9.35 a.m., and westbound local passenger train No. 15 from Bristol to Knoxville, due to arrive here

According to the best information the wreck was due to a failure of the crew of the west-bound train to carry out its rders to meet the east-bound pass at Hodges station. Instead of taking the British cruiser Furious to be in readiness to sail on two hours' notice have siding at Hodges, it proceeded toward Knoxville. Both trains were running on time, and with a speed of about 30 miles an hour. The locomotives were demolished and the major portion of each train was completely wrecked, with the exception of the Pullman sleepers, none of which left the track. The coaches were filled with dead and injured, and the rescue work was accomplished with great difficulty. A wrecking special relief train left this city as soon as pos-sible after the news of the disaster had been received here. The removal of the wreckage and the rescuing of the dead and wounded commenced immediately after the arrival of this train.

Some of the bodies have not yet been covered, and many nemain unidenti from Hodges station, Newmarket, and the many farmhouses in the vicinity of the wreck, and they rendered every pos-

The dead and injured were placed on a special train and brought to Knoxville. About five of the injured died while en oute to this city. Some were taken to the Knoxville general hospital and other to the homes of their friends. A local dertaker had received orders to have 150 cots in readiness, and these were at son street crossing, where the dead and injured were removed from the train. One of the passengers stated that the wreck occurred without the east warning, and that the trains were

telescoped. Official Report. Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24.-The official report of the wreck says the accident was due to the fact that the crew of the west-bound train No. 10 overlooked or disregarded orders as to the meeting place with the east-bound train No. 12 result had been unsatisfactory to years. The killed and injured occupied Hon. R. H. McCarthy, Trinidad, said the coaches. There were four sleepers on the east-bound train, none of which left the rails, and their passengers were miniured. Surgeons and nurses

promptly sent to the scene, and every attention is being given to the injured." Knoyville Tenn Sept 25 -The death the Southern road near Newmarket on Saturday has grown to-night to 58, and day, as many of the injured are in a

Oar Jumped Track.

Camden, N. J., Sept. 26.-A trolly car nning from this city to Riverside, N. jumped the track early to-day near Riverton and the motorman, J. R. White, of Palmyra, was killed, and the conductor and three passengers injured. The accident was due to slippery rails caused by a heavy fog.

Six Passengers Injured. Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Six people re injured in a wreck on the New York Central railroad a short distance east of Lyons early this morning. Three sleepers on the western express train bound from New York to Chicago, left the rails because of a split rail, and threw the passengers to the floors of the coaches. Just as the train came to a tandstill a fast freight eastbound ran ito the derailed cars.

Washout Caused Accident

Peoria. Ill., Sept. 26.—A washout on the Burlington railroad, near Elmwood, caused a wreck to-day in which one man was killed and three persons were probably fatally injured. The roadbed was vashed out for a considerable distance. leaving the rails suspended. The train struck the washout at a high rate of speed. The baggage car was hurled into deep ditch and the smoker on top of it. The chair car remained on the track. John Beck was killed. Those probably fatally injured are: Rev. J. Kenston Elmwood; Frank Reeding and H. Lentz, Balesburg.

LADY CURZON.

London, Sept. 23 .- The condition of Lady Curzon is still critical, but was slightly improved this morning. A dispatch from Walmer Castle says her strength is well maintained. Anxious for Bulletins.

Simla, India, Sept. 23.-The greates oncern is felt here because of Lady Curzon's illness, and the latest bulletins regarding her condition are anxiously awaited. Lifebuoy Soap disinfectant-is strongly

nded by the medical profession as

**ACCIDENTALLY SHOT** 

Major-General Parsons's Visit to Coast - Fire at Toronto, Damage Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars.

Winnipeg, Sept. 26.-Major-General Parson, who is on his way to inspect Esquimalt fortifications and garrisons, arrived in the city on Saturday and leaves for the West on Tuesday. He returns Accidentally Shot.

Winnipeg, Sept. 26.-Gordon Martin, the son of I. W. Martin, Winnipeg manager of the Gurney Stove & Range Company, died to-night as the result of injuries received by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of a companion while out shooting yesterday. Deceased was 13. His father is absent at resent on a business trip to Vancouver Drowned.

Winnipeg, Sept. 26.-Warner Hodgins, formerly of Lucan, Ont., and well-known as a teacher in Fort Frances, but recently clerk in Williams's store there was drowned in the rapids above For Frances by a canoe upsetting on Sun-

Fire at Toronto. Toronto, Sept. 26 .- Fire on Saturday morning, which broke out in the singeing oom of Park, Blackwell & Co.'s packing establishment, did \$35,000 dam

Died at Toronto. Toronto, Sept. 26.-John F. Starrs president of the Nova Scotia Steel Com pany, died at the General hospital this orning from kidney trouble

Well-Known Londoner Dead. London, Ont., Sept. 25 .- Eli Jarvis and clerk of the Ninth division court, is Trades Congress Ended

Montreal, Que., Sept. 26.-At the closing session on Saturday of the Trades and Labor Congress, it was decided to increase the per capita tax 50 per cent. for the purpose of maintaining the bureau. Hon. J. Sutherland.

Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 26.-Hon. Jas.

Sutherland who has been ill for some months, left to-day for Ottawa to resume his duties as minister of public works. Conservative Nominated, Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 26 .- J. G. Wal

ace, barrister, of Woodstock, has been cominated by the North Oxford Conserratives to oppose Hon. Mr. Sutherland for the House of Commons at the gen-

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE TERRITORIES

Convenes for Dispatch of Business-The Speech From the Throne-Prosperity of the Farmer.

session of the fifth legislative assembly of death of Ernest Eggerty, an Eganville list as a result of the fearful wreck on the Northwest Territories was formally blacksmith, at the Assize court yester opened this morning at 10.30 o'clock by day. In view of a largely signed peti Lieutenant-Governor Forget. His Honor tion in his behalf, the judge sentenced him to three years in the Kingston peniwas escorted from Government House by a Hon. G. E. Foster remarked that serious condition. To-day there were six detachment of Royal Northwest Mounted time he killed Eggerty by striking him Police, who for the first time wore their new uniforms with blue facings, worn by all military organizations honored with the distinction "Royal." His Honor was accompanied by Colonel MacDonell, D. S. O. as A. D. C.; Assistant Commissioner Mc Hilrie, Superintendent J. O. Wilson and Inspector Ritchie, of the R. N. W. M. Police. There was a large attendance of members present for the opening, but the attendance of citizens was small, owing to the reception to their Excellencies Lord and Lady Minto, which took place to-day. The following was the speech from the

> "Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: "It is my agreeable duty to welcome you gence are making serious threats.
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> to the third session of the fifth legislative. On opposite sides of the cap assembly of the Northwest Territories. We grounds in the rear of the school build have much cause for thankfulness in the ing are two outhouses. When the recess continuance of the prosperity that has been so marked a feature of the life of our people for several years past. Though the seather, when suddenly the floor gave son has not been an ideal one, yet through-out the greater part of these Territories the below. This vault is twelve feet deep harvest is bountiful, and the advance in and walled up with stone like a well prices of all grain products will do much There was in it four feet of water, that

met with in a few localities.

the opening of your session is also the oc- ally, so that the others were not entire casion of the farewell visit of their Excel- ly submerged Countess of Minto to Regina and the North- ing, and the struggles of those who west. I am sure that you will join with were on top kept at least nine underme in offering a hearty welcome to their neath until they were dead. The frame Excellencies, as well as in expressing sin- sheds of these vaults were about twenty cere regret at their approaching departure feet square, without windows and or from Canada, upon the conclusion of His a narrow door, so that only one gir Excellency's official connection with our escaped from the door. She ran into the country, and also in expressing the conscious building and told the teachers doent hope that when they leave our shores what had happened. The principal and they will carry with them, and ever retain, other teachers rushed to the rescue. The they will carry with them, and ever retain, other teachers rushed to the rescue, that generous interest in our affairs and screams of the girls were dimly l welfare that has been so prominent a feat-within the vault, and most of then ure of their Excellencies' lives with us. In were unable to speak when rescued the Northwest particularly Her Excel-lency's name will long be held in grateful the entire population of the town, the poremembrance, and many nospitals establishing a raided during the past five years will effective service. The firemen drained stand as lasting monuments to her woman-ly sympathy and kindness of heart. the vault so as to be sure that the rescue was complete.

"It is not proposed by my government to Those engaged in the rescue work rentroduce legislation at this session dealing cite the most ghastly experiences. Even with any of the large public questions that those rescued alive presented such an apmight well call for your immediate consideration, but a number of bills to amend the spectrum of the spect sateguard against infections diseases. as existing enactments, in order to meet wault surpasses all description.

you. It is a matter of gratification to note that some of the private bills that are being promoted, speak loudly of the forward march of the Territories. The creation of new cities and increased municipal powers are being asked for; higher education is seeking to effect a footing upon a perman ent basis; and public enterprise is beginning to look for avenues in which to employ its

energies. work of the several departments for the past year will be laid before you for your

"Estimates of the amounts required to mplete the public services for the cu ent, as well as those required for the next, year have been prepared, all of which will trust, meet with your appr beral responses on the part of the govern ment and parliament of Canada to th financial representations of my government should enable you this year to meet in som pressing necessities which your restricted

rnment that the movement towards the establishment of the Territories upon the provincial basis has not been materially for warded during the past year. All corres pondence upon the subject will be submit

lative Assembly:

"I leave you to your work in the firm est interests of our country, and, under the Commonwealth."

TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS ELECT OFFICERS

A. Verville, of Montreal, is the New President - A Farmer Cots Three Years for Manslaughter.

Montreal. Sept. 23 -This afternoon the Trades and Labor Congress elected the following officers: President, Alphonse Verville, Montreal, by acclama tion, President Flett declining re-election; vice-president, James Simpson, Toronto; secretary-treasurer, P. M. Draper, Ottawa; delegate to American Federation of Labor, James Flett, Nova Scotia. The executive election was left in the hands of the executive of the con gress. New Brunswick, E. J. Neeve, V. John, Vice-President Henry Goldworthy Kelley and Chas. B. McChestie St. John, committee. The British Co

general executive. Won Scholarship. Montreal, Sept. 23 .- G. T. Wilson, of vew Westminster, B. C., won the one physics, valued at \$150, at McGill

Austrian Manufacturers. Montreal. Sept. 23.-Montreal was isited to-day by the members Austrian Manufacturers' Association, 5 n number, who are engaged in a to of Canada and the United States. The party includes many leading Austrian manufacturers. They visited the board of trade, city hall and many leading in dustries and sights of the city. From ere they go to Boston, from which city

they sail for home. New Post Office. Montreal, Sept. 23 .- The post office epartment has purchased a site on St.

Catherines street, at a cost of \$45,000,

for a branch post office. For Manslaughter. Regina, N. W. T., Sept. 22.—The third start, a German farmer, was found guilty tentiary. Mittlestat was drunk at

CHILDREN SUFFOCATED.

over the head with a whiffletree.

Details of Accident to Scholars Who Perished in an Old Well. Cincinnati, Sept. 23 .- At Pleasant

Ridge, seven miles north of Cincinnat. none, and possibly ten, school girls were suffocated in a vault during the forenoe escaped the same horrible death. ing the rest of the day the suburb was wild with mingled excitement, sorror and indignation, and to-night those open ly charging the calamity to official negl

to compensate for losses that have been | would have been over the heads of the children falling into it singly, but thos "By a happy coincidence, the occasion of falling foremost filled up the vault parti-

The girls fell eight feet from the floor-

DAWSON VISIT

**OUARTER** 

Greatest Conflagration Since 1899-Narrow

A Dawson dispatch gives particulars of a considerable district

as follows: "A most disastrous loss not far from a q dollars, swept over Da midnight last night, o number of business h several hotels, from barely escaped with the originated in the kite hottel and gutted be street and Second and distance of several b

"J. E. Lilly, form attorney of Seattle, wi among those who wer their lives. N. A. I the local telephone pelled to jump from : dow of the Cecil hoto injured, as was Mrs. prietor of the hostelry from her bedroom Dumbleton, his wife from a rear window Dumbleton's leg was Though the fire de

ed promptly the failur drants to work at a crithe flames fully twen way before a stream upon them. Once in ment, assisted by the cial Company volunt heroic service and su ing the flames a few Bank of North Ame add to the loss rain sheets at a time when been moved into the thousands of dollars' from which owners wise escaped.

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Vancouver and a nu out. ome of the strikle at the office of the set forth their side of of the trouble, they question of wages. the machinists, both ern and on the Nor at a higher rate of ceive, and they asked cents per hour above tion. They say that a reached within a few of the entire Canadian tem, involving severa be out on strike. The ordered from the hear chinists' Union in V men are out in Vanco there is no disagreem C. P. R. officials an the negotiations will b second vice-president,

Winnipeg. "William Whyte, s who is dealing with t day issued the follo Rossland, setting forth

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se torpedo boat dest rved outside the harbonght. A junk which lef ry last night, and which light, reports having