REPORT COMES FROM THE ISLAND OF JAVA

IN THE CHINA SEA

Dispatch Says Dutch Warships Are Near Scene - No Confirmation Yet to Hand.

(Associated Press.)

Amsterdam, Holland, April 12.-A fight is now in progress near the Anamba Islands (east of Malay peninsula), according to a telegram from Batavia, Island of Java, to the Handelsblad. The dispatch adds that five Dutch

warships are near the scene of battle. Details are lacking.

REPORT OF FIGHT HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED.

Loudon, April 12 .- No confirmation has yet been received by London of the report from Batavia. Java, of a naval battle off the Anamba islands, and as there is no cable connection with these islands it is difficult to see how Balavia could have got such news before Singa-

A dispatch to Llyod's from Singapore to-day practically confirms the Associated Press information regarding the composition of the Russian squadron which passed there on April 8th. Lloyd's agent says it was composed of seven battleships, two armored cruisers, five unarmored cruisers, three convoyed cruisers, seven torpedo boat destroyers, sevensteamer and hospital ships and a tug.

---THE VIEWS OF TWO

MAVAL EXPERTS. New York, April 12 .- A London dis-

patch to the World says: Rear-Admiral Gayles, the distinguished naval strategist and expert, writes in the London Telegraph:

"We may expect the whole passage of the Russian fleet to the north through China Sea to be marked by continual harassing by toppede boat destroyers, whose supreme object will be to wear down the Russian fleet, ship by ship, and when the supreme moment arrives for action between the battleships, if such an event ever does take place, Admiral Togo's superiority may be even greater than at present.

"It is probable that there will be little occurring in the way of a naval action whilst the Russians are so close to ter ritorial waters. At present they could seek sanctuary at almost any moment if it were desired, and this is not what the Japanese wish; so if Admiral Rojestvensky does not go into Saigon, French Cochin-China, to carry out essential re pairs, I should say the first serious engagement will take place north of this French base. It is certain Rojestvensky will give the Philippine islands as wide United States for Russia's Far East

"We may take it for granted that Rojestvensky, after passing Saigon, will keep out in the open sent around the south of Formosa. Then something may

Admiral Sir John Colon said: "It would seem to be the Japanese policy to action until they have got in or near

'The further the Russians are allowed to go, the greater will be the force of the naval reverse, naval disaster perhaps, in flicted upon them. It would seem reason able, that probably the Japanese admiral has it in his power to elect the time and place for a fight, and that—well, then, I suppose, it will be the Spanish Armada over again.

Singapore. April 12.—The armored British cruiser Sullej has arrived here from Hongkong. She reports having passed the Russian second Pacific squadron, including seven battleships.

SAYS THERE WILL BE

NO TURNING BACK.

New York, April 12.-A St. Peters burg dispatch to the Times says a dispatch received there stating that Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet was not disunited

burg that Rojestvensky will coal in Dutch territorial waters in northern Sumatra, and that he will await Admiral Nobogatoff, who is due in about ten days, but perhaps will be delayed by heavy Rojestvensky, his officers and men, are thought to be worthy of the greatest admiration. A letter from an officer of the battleship Kniaz Suvariff says: "We are all resolved to sacrifice says: urselves for the Fatherland. We are determined to die. There will be no turning back."

TO PREVENT RUSSIANS OBTAINING COAL.

Saigon, French Cochin-China, April 12.—The French cruiser Descartes and five torpedo boats are cruising off Cape James, near here. The French gunboats Acheron and Styx are about to leave Saigon for the purpose, it is said, of pre-

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erving the neutrality of French waters. The Dextrous, which is furnished with wireless telegraph apparatus, has re-ceived several dispatches in foreign code,

Several Japanese ships are cruising off the coast of Cochin-China for the pur-pose of preventing the Russians taking coal on board, and are making recon-

A Chinese junk, which arrived here recently, reported that two Japanese vessels purchased supplies at Pulobi, at the southern extremity of Cochin-China. In case a battle occurred off the coast of Cochin-China the only incidents anti-cipated by the French colony here are that the belligerents may send disabled ships to this port. -0-

SKIRMISHES ON

Tokio, April 12.-Reports received here from Manchuria indicate that the Russians continue concentrating their troops and strengthening the Chang Tung Kirin line. General Madridoff's force continues in touch with the extreme Japanese left. Skirmishes are frequent, and may possibly develop into an engage-

THE JAPANESE LEFT.

It is reported that the Russians have rmed the convicts of the island Sakhaline, promising money and freedom to those fighting bravely. This, it is added, brings the garrison of Sakhaline up to a total of 3,000. It is doubted, lowever, that the Russians will attempt to hold the island.

SAIGON HARBOR TOO SHALLOW FOR RUSSIANS.

Paris, April 10.—The authorities here are satisfied that the second Russian Pacific squadron will not seek to put in at Saigon, French Cochin-China, as the shallow harbor does not permit of the entrance of deep-draft warships.

The imminence of a naval battle arouses the keenest interest. M. Bernet, the naval critic of the Temps, is of the opinion that Admiral Rojestvensky's plans are to inflict losses equal to his own and thus reduce Japan's naval effectiveness so that the remaining Russian ships, reinforced by Admiral Nebo gatoff's division of the second squadron from Jibutil (French Somaliwill permit Russia to present an equal if not greater sea power than Japan. In the meantime, M. Bernet asserts, the second squadron is likely to seize the Dutch island of Great Natuna for use as a base, justifying its course by Japan's use of the Miatos islands.

MUST GIVE BOND BEFORE LEAVING PORT.

Singapore, April 12.—The German col-lier Hindoo is at this port loaded with a berth as possible, on account of the lier Hindoo is at this port loaded with lack of sympathy known to exist in the 4,200 tons of Cardiff coal for the Island of Tanjong Pandan (east of Banca Island and between Borneo and Sumatra) has been refused clearance papers for Saigon unless her commander gives ship owners. The steamship Dorle, bonds to deliver her cargo through the which sails to-day for Japan, has receivbonds to deliver her cargo through the British consul there. A guard has been placed on board the steamer.

which sails to-day for Japan, has recetted so,000 per mile of railway, and may be issued only in the stockholders had no interest, holders on the financial association of the that the money belonged to the policy-holders.

Sir Charles congratulated the stockholders had no interest, holders on the financial association of the that the money belonged to the policy-holders.

The Straits Times to-day publishes a keep the Russians in sight but not to take on good authority the statement that some machinery. there are no Russian warships at Mun-

BRITISH CRUISER

SIGHTED SQUADRON. Singapore, April 12.-The armored ron, including seven battleships, steam-

ing north on April 11th. RUSSIANS WITHOUT

St. Petersburg, April 12, 4.48 p.m.-The admiralty has no information in regard to the alleged naval battle in proevokes the greatest satisfaction at the admiralty, where earlier reports that the battleships were separated from cruisers and does not credit the possibility of a general naval battle yet. The officials however that the Japanese may have attempted a torpedo boat attack

on a convoy during the night.

It is pointed out that there is no cable onnection between the Anambas Islands and Batavia, and the first news of a fight should come from Singapore, unless the Dutch warships are able to communicate with Batavia by wireless telegraph.

fleet was in latitude 8 degrees north. longitude 108 degrees 55 minutes east at to act." noon on April 11th. The Peninsular & Oriental steamer Nubia, which has arrived here, reports having passed no less ported that the departure of the Russian than forty-two vessels there. They were eight or ten knots. The position of the the receipt of the news of the torpedo eastward of the Natuna Islands, which Arthur on February 9th, Minister Grishe between the Malay Peninsula and the com sent a brief telegram to the governnorthwest coast of Borneo, and more ment; of which this is the official parathan 200 miles southeast of Cape St.

Jacques. This course indicates that the fleet was not going to Saigon, French Cochin-China.

APPARENTLY READY TO ACCEPT BATTLE.

St. Petersburg, April 13 .- (5.50 p. m. The news of the northward movement of dmiral Rojestvensky's squadron and his evident intention to accept battle Japanese servants in the United States, whenever Admiral Togo chooses to offer mavy," soliciting subscriptions to Japanhis evident intention to accept battle it, has for the present stilled all activities in the direction of peace, and the foreign dispatches relating to the voyage of the squadron are followed with the

most intense interest. tion regarding Rojestvensky's plans

Formosa, where, if Admiral Togo does inform the consular offices of Japan in not elect to give battle or is defeated, the United States of the attitude of this Admiral Rojestvensky may seize a temporary base in Japanese territory, and if ese minister gave the necessary instructions to the Japanese consular-general at await the arrival of Admiral Neboga- New York. toff's division

It is rumcred that there is a force of It is rumored that there is a force of a note from the Japanese minister a riflemen on board the Russian transports. Washington calling the attention of this which could be landed for the purpose of co-operating with the marines. However, naval men think that Vladivostock and that the imperial government exist the only base that the Russian admiral pects that appropriate measures regardhas in view.

There is an embargo on news from Vladivostock concerning the Russian cruisers Russia, Gromoboi and Bogatyr, and it is supposed, though the admiralty does not admit the supposition, that they have put to sea to effect a diversion and prevent mine laying.

Considerable irritation is manifested in

naval circles at the activity of British ships in Chinese waters, which are reported to be steaming from Hongkong to Singapore, and their action is attributed to a desire to keep in touch with the Russian squadron and report the movements to the world at large and to Great Britain's ally in particular, as happened in the case of the British armored cruiser Sutlej, which arrived at Singapore, Straits Settlements, yesterday and reported having passed the Russian second Pacific squadron at daylight on April 11th, steaming northward.

Minister of Railronds Hilkoff has left St. Petersburg for Siberia to superintend

the movements on the trans-Siberian rail-

way and the inauguration of the river

ADMIRAL SAILS IN

service in Siberia.

MAIN TRADE ROUTE. London, April 13.—British naval men omment on the lack of secrecy regarding Admiral Rojestvensky's movements since his arrival in Far Eastern waters. The fact that he is keeping to the main trade route, although knowing his squad-ron would constantly be sighted and re-

ported by passing steamers, they con-

sider clearly shows that the Russian admiral is keenly anxious to meet Admiral Togo and fight it out to a finish.

COAL FOR SHIPS

OF RUSSIAN SQUADRON. Paris, April 13.—Herr Bekel, who is harged with the duty of gathering together supplies of coal for the Russian second Pacific squadron, has, according to a statement made to the St. Peters burg correspondent of the Matin, 70,000 BEFORE THE COMMITTEE tons at Saigon and 50,000 tons at Shanghai, which he expects the Russian squadron to take on board.

WOULD NOT WELCOME

New York, April 13 .- A St. Petersurg dispatch to the Times says: "The majority of the people here display scant anxiety for news of Admiral Rejestvensky's fleet. It is deplorable but it is true, that many Russians would not welcome a defeat of Admiral Togo, as that would imply the defeat of their hope of reform."

FEAR INTERFERENCE BY THE RUSSIANS.

San Francisco, April 13.-Fear of Rus sian interference with contraband laden steamships bound for Japanese ports is again beginning to affect shippers and canada. ship owners. The steamship Dorie, 2. The there await instructions. Her cargo includes a large shipment of mess beef for dispatch from Batavia, Java, confirming Japan, about 300 tons of leather and

RUSSIA ASKED TO

Washington, April 13 .- Official correpondence made public at the state department to-day discloses the fact that British cruiser Sutlej has arrived here the Japanese government in announcing to the American minister at Tokio on sured him that hostilities would not begin until after a declaration had been NEWS OF BATTLE. made. The correspondence comprises so much of the diplomatic exchanges between Washington and Tokio as the department thinks it expedient to publish and amongst the first is the following official paraphrase of a cablegram from Minister Griscom, dated American lega-

tion, Tokio, February 6th, 1904: "Mr. Griscom reports that the min-ister for foreign affairs stated that a declaration of war will not be made until after the withdrawal of their legation, which will probably take two or three days, and hostilities will not begin until after the declaration of war. In an interview the minister for foreign affairs tiations, directed special attention to the extreme patience and moderation of the attitude of Japan, and stated that after having asked the Russian government Singapore, April 13.—The Russian five times to expedite a reply and waited three weeks, no alternative remained but

On the following day the correspondthan forty-two vessels there. They were minister would take place on February steering north-northeast at a speed of 12th. On February 11th, subsequent to fleet was then about 300 miles north- attack upon the Russian fleet at Port phrase: J. Griscom reports that the eclaration of war was issued on the

10th inst. No correspondence shedding light on he incident is contained in the note

Of interest is a note of Secretary Hay, dated May 5th last, to the Japanese minister at Washington calling his attennavy of a note from the consul-general of Japan at New York addressed to "the ese bonds, contributions to the relief of Japanese soldiers and sailors, and in aid

whether his immediate destination is, or undesirable that such contributions is not, Cape Padarana, on the east coast should be sought through the naval offiof Cochin-China, but in naval circles the impression prevails that the squadron will continue northward to the Straits of the squadron with the respect to your attention with the respect to your attention. tention with the request that you will inform the consular offices of Japan in

> The correspondence includes a copy of government to the appearance of the Russian ship Lena at San Francisco ing the matter will be taken by the United States government without delay. Several days later another note reache the state department from the Japanese minister expressing the desire of his gov-ernment that the officers and crew of the Lena be detained in the territory of the Inited States until the end of hostilities. and adding: "In reply I have the honor to state that the president, exercising his prorogative in carrying out the neutrality proclaimed by him, had already, before the receipt of your communication, officers and crew of the Lena in this this afternoon. country until peace shall have been concluded, unless in the meantime the belligerents shall have concurred in proposing

GERMAN COLLIER HAS BEEN RELEASED

Singapore, April 13 .- The German collier Hindoo, which was refused clearance papers for Saigon, was released to-day, ner captain agreeing to deliver his cargo through the British consul at Saigon.

JAPANESE DRIVEN OUT BY RUSSIANS.

St. Petersburg, April 13.-A dispatch from Gunshu pass, dated yesterday, says following for the Easter holidays. the Russian advance detachment on the Mandarin road pushed forward April 11th and bombarded Machantzy at midday. The Japanese infantry and cavalry hurriedly vacated the place. able cheers.

AMENDED BILL OF

AT OTTAWA THURSDAY

NEWS OF VICTORY. Text of Clauses-The Rights of the Province Protected-No Opposition.

> Ottawa, April 13 .- The E. & N. Railway Bill will be amended by the railway committee to-day and a new bill protecting creditors and provincial rights passed in its stead. The bill has four clauses, as follows:

> 1. The railway of Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company is declared to be a work for the general advantage of 2. The securities issued by the com-

proportion to the length of railway con- road in connection with the flotation of structed or under contract to be con-3. Any agreement provided for in sec-

tion 281 of the Railway Act, 1903, may | Combine Unable to Carry Out Im EXPEDITE A REPLY. be entered into between the company and the C. P. R. 4. Nothing in this act shall prejudicial

ly affect the respective rights and liabilities of the province of British Columbia and of the company now existing, or February 6th of last year the breaking which heretofore existed by virtue of the of diplomatic relations of Russia, as- provisions of the act of the legislature carry out one of the most important of the said province, 47, chapter 14.

The bill is satisfactory to all parties, and there will be no discussion or opposition.

CONSERVATIVES HOSTILE.

Failure of McBride to Introduce Railway Legislation Disappoints Supporters at Grand Forks.

Grand Forks, April 11.-Grand Forks Tories are bitterly hostile on account of Premier McBride's failure to introduce railway legislation. Mr. Fraser missed went over the whole course of the nego- a great chance to solidify his position to their old level. when he fell in line on Saturday. A wire received yesterday by a prominent government supporter stated things are not as black as they look. He told your could look very much more gloomy.

FIRE AT SALTCOATS

Winnipeg, April 13 .- A serious fire ited Saltcoats, N. W. T., starting at 1.30 this morning. It started in the office of the Parrott Lumber yard, jumped the street, burned Booke's butcher shop, dwelling, stable and store, Ellis's boarding house, McIvor's dwelling, and two cars on the track. It was got under control at 5 a. m.

ANTI-JAPANESE LEGISLATION. Comments of Bristol Paper on Action of

British Columbia Government. London, April 12.-The Western Daily Press, of Bristol, says a very curious and not altogether pleasant illustration of the difficulty of getting some of our colonies to think Imperially has been supplied by the government of the legislature of British Europeans and Indian injured during the moont of the record of the re Columbia: Without any discussion whatever | the recent earthquakes, who are able to the legislature passed a bill restricting the immigration of Japanese. It is obvious Ripon hospitals at Simla as her guests.

DEPUTATION WILL INTERVIEW GOVERNMENT

Rider Haggard, Ballington Booth and W. Whyte Visit Ottawa-Railway Pension Fund Proposal.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 13.-H. Rider Haggard. The acting secretary of state, Mr. Adee, promptly replied acknowledging the note, Ballington Booth and William Whyte, of the C. P. R., arrived here to-day to interview the government and the Governor-General in regard to English immigration. They took luncheon with His taken the appropriate steps to detain the Excellency, and will discuss immigration | delay which has destroyed popular con-

Pension Fund.

A big delegation from the Intercolonial to him other arrangements in this re- and Prince Edward Island railways gard." waited upon the government to-day, and asked that the pension fund scheme prepared by Hon, A. G. Blair three or four years ago be put in force at once. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said if the Autonomy bill passed in reasonable time it migh be done this session; if not it would be pushed forward as speedily as possible Hon. H. R. Emmerson has the bill ready.

The Holidays. Sir Wilfrid Laurier told R. L. Border to-day that the House would adjourn Wednesday next till the Tuesday

New Member. Edmund Bristol, Centre Toronto, was atroduced in the House to-day by Messrs. Borden and Osler amid consider

ANOTHER CHARGE.

Nan Patterson Accused of Conspiracy-Murder Case Will Open on Monday.

New York, April 13.-Nan Paterson was brought into the Court of General rushed through the mutualization plan Sessions to-day by her own counsel to with the representatives of the directors. Sessions to day by her own country to get plead to a charge of conspiracy to get money from Caesar Young, the bookmaker. She will be tried again on Monmaker. S day on a charge of murdering Young. client wish. Sho is accused of having conspired Mr. Lord. with J. Morgan Smith and his wife, Miss Mr. Seabriskie informed hte court Patterson's sister, to extort money from that his client was the owner of fifteen the dead bookmaker.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

Work on Lake Superior Branch Commences in June and Prairie Section in July

London, April 13.-The stockholders of he Grand Trunk railway of Canada at disputed by Mr. Untermeyer. their semi-annual meeting to-day, under the presidency of Sir Charles Rivers also between Mr. Untermeyer and Mr. Wilson, adopted the report of the Hornblower, as to what constituted the directors after a brief speech by the Equitable Society's surplus above rechairman. The statements made were serve requirements. Of the \$80,000,000 devoid of general interest, except that carried as surplus, Mr. Hornblower said the construction of the Lake Superior \$70,000,000 should be considered as a branch will commence in June, and the reserve to meet obligations. This building of the prairie branch in July. Sir Charles congratulated the stock- held the stockholders had no interest

the recent Grand Trunk Pacific bonds. ATLANTIC RATES.

Clause in Agreement With Cunard Line.

Liverpool, April 13 .- At the annua eeting of the shareholders of the Cunard line here to-day, Lord Inverclyde, the chairman, announced that the shipping combine had intimated its inability to clauses of the settlement recently arrived at, and consequently all the tentative arrangements between the Cunard line and the continental lines and the combine were inoperative. He was unable to say if the present rates would be maintained. He considered that the policy the Cunard line followed in the past was the only possible one, and believed that the atlantic shipping combine was made im-

mediately against the Cunard line.

Beyond the loss of revenue caused by the rate war, Lord Inverelyde said he did was at present no agreement between the Cunard line and the combine. The only effect of the tentative agreement

The chairman believed that the shareholders would not regret the sacrifice ning to negotiate with the colonies, the necessary to maintain the independence approval of the country should be first of the Cunard line against the alliance formed against it. The directors had received encouragement here and from America to continue to defend the company's interests. The chairman also referred to the governmental support of the German lines as indication of the the German lines as indication of the severity of the struggle.

FATALITIES IN INDIA. Later Reports Increase the Number Killed by the Earthquake.

Lahore, April 13.-Later reports from Mandi, capital of Mandi state, say at least four hundred persons were killed in the city by the earthquake. The palace, temples and residences were levelled.
Estimates of the number of persons killed at Sulfanpur, 30 miles southeast by south of Amritsar, vary from 200 to

Providing For Injured.

des in the direction of peace, and the preign dispatches relating to the voyage of the Red Cross Society of Japan. While the guadron are followed with the admirting the rights of the Japanese in the objects mentioned, the secretary says in his note to Mr. Takahira, that "it is seed to ment and Japan.

Apanese soldiers and sailors, and in all of the Red Cross Society of Japan. While immigration of Japanese in the solvious Riognom would not be likely to listen to any changes which proposed increasing the providing for a commission to investigate the expenses.

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THE RESCRIPT COMMISSION.

Report That Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky May Re-enter Public Life as

President.

St. Petersburg, April 13.-The report that former Minister of the Interior Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky will return to night session. The motion was finally public life as president of the rescript commission, although not officially confirmed, creates much satisfaction, as his sympathy with the principles of popular representation is well known.

Numerous stories are being printed abroad giving details of the character, composition, and date of convocation of the coming parliament. The Associated Press can state that they are premature. Countless plans have been submitted, the favorite one being a parliament composed from two sources, an upper house of 120 members, half of them to be non inated by the Emperor, and half to be elected by the nobility, and a lower house of 625 members elected by various classes in all parts of Russia, including the non-Russian provinces.

But the commission has not decided

even in principle the nature or composi tion of a parliamentary body. It is the fidence in the sincerity of the government, and which lead the attorney's congress to undertake an united propaganda by all the Liberal professions in behalf of constitutionalism.

The press has won a very considerable victory in the decision of the press commission to remove the censorship from foreign telegrams. The regulations, how-ever, will not go into effect until the revision of the press laws is complete.

SEEK INJUNCTION

To Prevent Carrying Out of Equitable Life Assurance Society's Mutualization Plan.

New York, April 11 .- To-day's proeedings before Justice Maddox in the Supreme court, Brooklyn, on the application by Franklin and Lord for an injunction to restrain the carrying out of the Equitable Life Assurance Society's attack made by Edward M. Shepard, to great cities. The only salvation lies state superintendent of insurance. Mr. declared that Mr. Hendricks had refused his clien; a hearing when the mutualization plan was under consideration, although at the same time he was in conference with the attorneys for the society's officers. Mr. Shepard declared that Mr. Hendricks had forced Mr. Lord to remain in utter darkness while he had rushed through the mutualization plan

shares of Equitable stock. His request to intervene was agreed to. Mr. Untermeyer gave formal notice that he would intervene in behalf of James H. Hdye. Wm. B. Hornblower, who said he rep-

resented the Equitable Society and its 600,000 policy-holders, contended that the stockholders' privilege to vote for directors was not a property right. This was

\$10,000,000 clear, in which, however, he

Mr. Untermeyer questioned the place ing of the reserve to meet obligations at \$70,000,000, and asked if the courts had not decided \$46,000,000 to be a sufficient reserve fund to meet this.

Mr. Hornblower did not reply.

At the close of the argument Justice Oliver. Maddox gave the lawyers until Friday to file briefs.

FISCAL CONFERENCE If Present Government Is in Power It Will Be Called Next Year,

London, April 11.-In the House ords to-day the proposition to hold a colonial fiscal conference in 1906 was lengthily discussed on the motion of Lord Balfour of Burleigh asking the government to explain conditionally the tions under which the conference would be summoned, what colonies would be represented, and how far the decisions vould be held binding upon the government of the United Kingdom.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh said the whole question was vital. He accused F. August Heinze is the principal stock-Premier Balfour of lack of candor and holder of the Nipper company. The comnot regret a single step taken. There was at present no agreement between between between pealed to for the sanction to hold the conference, should have the fullest consideration. He added that the whole was that passenger rates were restored to their old level. ential taxation of food. Before begin The Duke of Marlborough (under sec

retary for the colonies) in behalf of the

government opposed the motion. He said

this matter, and if the government re-mained in office or was returned by a but authorities quite as good have re garded this conclusion as incorrect. M general election prior to 1906, a colonial conference would be called, and it would Young, who has been making experibe attended by the repre ments to settle the matter, now claims self-governing colonies and India. He could not say if the crown colonies would be represented. No decision of the conference would be held binding until approved by the people of the United Kingdom at a general election and by the parliaments of the governments represented.

Lord Lansdowne, who wound up the debate for the government, said the con ference would serve the useful purpose of discussion of plans of mutual benefit for both sides. He knew perfectly well there were certain limitations beyond which a conference could not go. The colonies never would agree to change their fiscal systems, which would wipe out industries upon which they had expended their energy, while the United

discuss any proposals involving protec-

Lord Goschen said the explanation was satisfactory and the matter was no longer urgent, and apparently the conference could decide nothing and the country would really be free for years to come from discussing the fiscal question. The discussion continued through the

negatived without division. TORONTO NOTES

Death of Dr. John Herald-Rider Haggard Tells of His Mission

Toronto, April 12 .- J. B. Hill, the St. Thomas bankrupt, convicted of obtain ing goods from wholesalers by means of false statements, was sentenced this afternoon to the county jail for sixty days. Hill denied his guilt. Improving.

Bishop Sweatman, who was operated upon early yesterday morning, is reported to-day to be making good progress and there is a prospect of his recovery.

Ontario's Population.

The thirty-fourth annual report of the Ontario registrar-general estimates the population of Ontario for the year ending December 31st, 1904, as 2,198,392, and the number of births, including still births, was 48,742, of which number 25,071 were males and 23,671 females This shows a rate of 22.1 per thousand of population, which was less than the rate of all European countries according to the returns of 1900, the latest available, with the exception of France, which country it was 21.9 per cent.

Rider Haggard's Address.

Rider Haggard, the well-known au thor, was a guest of the Canadian Club to-day, and gave that body a very interesting but brief address. After a few humorous sallies at the colossal nerve of the American reporter, with whom he had come in contact frequently of late, he launched into the scheme which has brought him to Canada—that of furthering immigration of British subjects der Salvation Army colonization. He is nutualization plan, were enlivened by an divert a continuous procession of people ounsel for Lord, on Francis Hendricks, in getting people back to the land in some way, and he is very enthusiastic of the part Canada can play in that scheme of reformation.

> Dr. John Herald, professor of medicine at Queen's University, Kingston, died this morning at the general hospital here, where he had been under treatment for kidney trouble. Dr. Herald was born in Scotland in 1855. He was a

Dr. Herald Dead.

staff of the college. JUNK DESTROYED.

Blown Up by a Mine-Two Men Were Killed

In to-day's Oriental mail news was received of the blowing up of the junk Korn Tafung on the 10th of last month and the killing of two of her crew. While bound north the junk struck what appeared to be a buoy, which exploded, lowing the vessel to pieces. The survivors then put off in sampans and were making for Wei Hai Wei when they were sighted and picked up by the steamer Yushun. The mine showed three feet above the water.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Conservatives Decide to Continue Autonomy Bill Debate Until After Recess.

Ottawa, April 12.—At a Conservative caucus to-day it was decided to keep up the debate on the Autonomy Bill until after recess. No definite reached about opposing Hon. Frank

Patrol Steamer.

It is the intention of the marine department to take over from the mounted police department the patrolling of the northern straits and Arctic ocean by the steamship Arctic, under command of Capt. Bernier.

ANOTHER MINING SUIT. Nearly Five Million Dollars Involved in Action in Court at Butte,

Montana. Butte, Mont., April 12.-Nearly \$5,000, involved in the damage suit filed in the Federal court by the Nipper Consolidated Copper Company against the Parrot Silver & Gold Mining Company. plaint alleges that ore has been illegally extracted from the Nipper workings for

BOY ACCUSED OF MURDER.

more than a year.

Malta, Mont., April 12.—Willie Armsington, aged 13, is under arrest here charged with killing his step-father, William Sitz. The two had quarrelled, and the boy shot his step-father three times with a 22-calibre rifle. SNAIL'S SENSE OF SMELL. The snail's sense of smell has been located in the horns by some observers,

to have proven that the snail's nose is distributed over the entire body.

EXCHEQUER BONDS. London, April 12.-The Bank of Engand to-day announced the issue of \$50, 000,000 ten-year exchequer bonds at 2% per cent, interest. The bonds are payable at the rate of \$5,000,000 and Tenders are deliverable before 2 p. m. on April 18th.

NEW PRISON PROPOSED.

Albany, N. Y., April 11 .- The proposi tion to build a great state prison to take the place of both Sing Sing and Auburn, WEEKLY

Victori The ocean dis

of last week island passed of the province proved, and th been remarkab

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-Members of sociation will he ing at the city h inting a judge be considered. interest to fanc The organization the clubs of Va present the two posed amalgam have taken no A full attenda

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