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the most notable features of week of the war has been a acrease of sentiment here favoriving Russia every possible mosympathetic support. At the ne French officials and public maintained that the interests e demanded that she keep clear ossibility of any war entangle-owing out of the Franco-Rusnice. This led some newspapers that France was placing self-before duty and deserting her ad in the hour of greatest need. All reaction has occurred until facial and public feeling runs in favor of strengthening Russiand provides the war. It was thought that Dreyfus element would antagosia owing to the latter's attithe Jews, but on the contrary linach, the friend and blographythas, has published a letter detection of the latter's the provides of the contrary in and to loyally hold up the

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Fight With Desperadoes

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London Ontario Detectives Attempt an Arrest and Free Fight Ensues.

In Fusilade one of the Bandits Close Call.

Supposed That One of the Worst Gang of Burglars Has Been Broken Up.

Walkerville, Ont., Feb. 17.—Rull re-turns in East Bruce give Donnelly (Con-servative), a majority of 171.

JACK FROST SUPREME. Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Every public school in this city was closed to-day by reason of the intense cold. The ground is frozen to a depth of five feet, many water pipes being frozen. Railroad traffic is stalled.

CIVIC OWNERSHIP.

Tokio, Feb. 18.—It is the belief of the navy department that the Russian second-class cruiser Boyarin was torpedoed and sunk by the destroyer Haytori in the torpedo attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur last Sunday morning. Lieutenant Commander Tokenouchi did not know the name of the vessel struck by a torpedo discharged by the Haytori, but the navy department has since learned from other sources that it was the Boyarin.

A despatch from St. Petersburg, dated February 16th, stated that the Boyarin was blown up with a loss of 197 officers and men on February 13th by a mine, which it accidentally struck.

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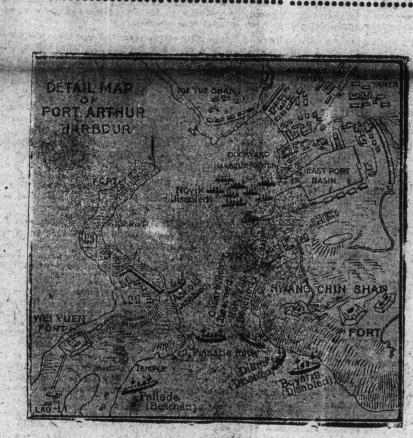
Alaska Boundary

Ottawa Official and U.S. Geological Surveyor Appointed to Make Delimitation.

Consult the Government as

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The Supreme-court today granted the appeal of Seryt-at-Arms Payson, of Nova Scotia, who was mulcted in damages by the court below for ejecting Mrs. Hubert from the Legislative building. A new trial

Japanese Destroyers Made a Midnight Descent on Port Arthur And in Spite of Fierce Gale and Fire From The Forts Succeeded In Reaching The Enemy.



Plan of Port Arthur, Showing Position of Disabled Warships.

LONDON, Feb, 18.—The Japanese Legation officially confirms the report that the Japanese torpedoed two Russian Warships at Port Arthur last Sunday morning.

CHEFOO, Feb, 18.—The Port Arthur-Chebo cable was cut yesterday.

Agree to The **Amendments**

Government and Grand Trunk Pacific Directorate Reach An Understanding.

Details Will Not Be Known Until Shareholders Ratify.

London, Feb. 17.—In a despatch dated Port Arthur, February 13th, a correspondent of the Times gives a description of seven Russian warships, which he says are lying disabled there. They included the battleships Sebastopol and Petropavlovsk, which have not been named in the previous report of the action. The correspondent says that altogether eleven Russian ships were put out of action at Port Arthur.

Continuing, he declares that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kinchau, near New Chwang, after a skirmish in which 150 Japanese were taken prisoners and 70 Russians killed.

In an editorial article the Wings In an editorial article the Trues remarks that as this correspondent does not mention the injuries sustained by the battleships and the Kinchau story has not been reported from any other source. It would be well to accept his reports with some reserve.

Centenarian Senator Will Be Honored on Arrival at Ottawa.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—A movement is on foot for holding a big military tournament in Ottawa on the 25th of May. It is proposed to invite several corps from the United States.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—Railway traffic today was badly laid out by yesterday's snowstorm and gale of wind that followed it. Trains were all late, if not entirely cancelled. A new record was made here today, when the maritime express of the Intercolonial railway pulled in twenty-nine hours' late. Without exception railwaymen pronounce this the worst winter in the history of railroadig in Canada.

The Mining

Convention

Preparations For Big Gathering of Mining Men Nearly

Completed.

It is announced that the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific director are exached an agreement in reference to the amendments to be submitted to parliament at the coming session. A memorandum must first be rathified by the shareholders of the Grand Trunk parliament will be in session before the particulars of the amendments will be known to the public.

The one hundredth anaiversary of the birth of Senator Ward takes place on Friday next. When the Senator arrives in Ottawa parliament will take occasion to record the fact that, included in their number is the oldest legislation in the world. Mr. J. Collin Foobes, the well-known Canadian artist, has, at the instance of the Senate, painted a honored place amongst the portraits of Mr. Ward, and it will find an honored place amongst the portraits whach are to be seen on the walls or the Senate lobbies.

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Ash Wednesday was observed as a boliday in the public builtings.

The customs department is closely watching American importations of surplus goods now entered at undervaluation.

AMERICAN INTEREESTS.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Rear Admirate Evans, commenting on the United States Asiatic station, today transmitted to the American navy department a cable-gram from Commander Steams.