To Construct From the Coast

Aulay Morrison Also Announces the Glad Tidings From Ottawa.

Proceedings at Final Sessions of the Methodist Conference.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, May 21.—The Westminster Board of Trade has received an assurance from Aulay Morrison, M. P., that the Grand Trunk Pacific construction will be simultaneous from both ends. This guarantee will be in the bill to be brought before the Dominion house.

The railway commission at Ottawa today approved the passenger and freight tariffs for Jim Hill's new line, the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon between this city and Vancouver, and it is expected that a passenger service will be instituted immediately.

Disappointed in love a young fellow named Brodick committed suicide at Sumas lake near Chilliwack today. Details are not procurable here tonight.

At the Methodist conference this morning it was decided to make a grant of $12,000 for more buildings for Columbia college in this city.

Last evening's session of the conference partook of the nature of an educational discussion followed by a banquet for the inner man. On a report from a special committee of last year's conference, there was quite a discussion on the proposal to take over the Methodist Record (published in Victoria), and to make it the official church organ of British Columbia. The work of the private individuals who have hitherto been the publishers, was eulogized.

Dr. Withrow, incidental to some remarks on church and other periodicals, took exception to certain American publications now in use in the schools of this province, and which, besides being given preference over Canadian books, contained sentiments averse to British institutions.

It was decided to hold a huge camp meeting, under the auspices of the conference, at Chilliwack, commencing June 24th.

The annual report of Columbian College was presented by Mr. T. R. Pearson. This was voluminous, but very satisfactory. The college finances are in good condition, and an excellent year's work was done. It has again become necessary to enlarge and to increase the accommodation generally.

In the discussion which followed, several, including Dr. Lewis Hall, spoke strongly in favor of a policy of advancement on the lines of university education in British Columbia.

The new president, Dr. Sippell, delivered an interesting address on "Education in Relation to Character."

Dr. Whittington, M. A., superintendent of Indian missions, incidental to a short address said that the church should become more generous and the superannuation fund should be extended to laymen. The church should aim at supplying all the world's needs. The ladies of the local churches entertained the visitors at a bauquet, which went off splendidly. Miss McAlpine and other Victoria ladies are assisting in giving splendid music.

Today, in accordance with a resolution accepting the invitation of Mayor Keary, the delegates became the guests of the city of New Westminster for the afternoon. The steamer Surrey and a couple of electric cars having been placed at their disposal, the visitors were able to see all the sights and have an enjoyable outing.

GEN. KUROPATKIN'S LATEST REPORT

Informs the Czar of Some Minor Events in Northern Korea.

St. Petersburg, May 21.—The Emperor has received a despatch form General Kuropatkin under date of May 20th as follows:

"The reconnaissances of May 19th failed to show any sign of the enemy in the valleys of the Sedaykho and the Unsiagho, a tributary of the Sedaykho, as far as the village of Deoiouteidzkou, on the main road from Siuyen to Fengwangcheng. A detachment of the Japanese vanguard, numbering 300, occupied the village of Dieoup on the same road.

"A Japanese battalion was posted five miles beyond Sinakkunahi and at least a division including a Guards regiment was stationed five kilometers further on towards Khabalin.

"A body of Cossacks on May 19th encountered three troops of Japanese cavalry near the village of Pypound, eleven miles southwest of Fengwangcheng. The Cossacks attacked and pursued the Japanese to Pypous where they encountered some Japanese infantry, which, however, was discovered in time. The Cossacks had two men wounded.

"No trace of the enemy was found in the mountains between Kaichau and Siuyen."

BRIGANDS NEGOTIATE.

Tangier, Morocco, May 21.—Raisuli, the brigand chief, who captured Messrs. Perdicaris and Varley, has sent a number of his men to obtain bedding and linen for the prisoners. Mahommed El Torres, the representative of the Sultan at Tangiers, is negotiating with Raisuli.

RUSSIAN SUBMARINES.

Paris, May 21.—The Petit Journal's St. Petersburg correspondent says he has been permitted to visit the Novaky shipyards and saw there six submarine boats, two of which were complete and are to start for Vladivostock within a week.

DOMINGO REBELLION.

Turks Island, Bahamas, May 21.—Mail advices from San Domingo announce that on May 16th the rebel general Lasella, attacked and captured the town of LaVega, taking prisoners General Bobea and the under secretary of war, General Luis Tejera, the governor of LaVega and General Ney. The entire district of Monte Christie is in the hands of the rebels.

News Notes of The Dominion

Another Endorsation of Proposed Union of Churches in Canada.

Captain of the Wrecked Collier Among the Missing of the Crew.

Toronto, May 21.—The Methodist Central district of Toronto yesterday endorsed the proposed union of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches.

Charles Idpyliss, fireman at Parkdale station, committed suicide by shooting himself yesterday. He had been in ill-health for some time, having had several severe falls from moving reels, from which it is supposed his mind was unhinged.

The British Empire League last night passed a resolution favoring union of Newfoundland with Canada.

King's plate—Sapper first, Nimble Dick second, Wanwhoop third. Time, 1:15.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

Montreal, May 21.—A man between 40 and 45 years of age was found this morning lying dead in the basement of the court house, which is now being constructed. The victim's skull had been smashed and he bore bruises which indicate foul play.

THE WRECKED COLLIER.

Halifax, May 21.—Details of the wreck of the steamer Turret Bay are arriving. It is feared that Capt. Hayden is among the victims, as he with several members of the crew are missing. Five members of the crew are known to be dead.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Winnipeg, May 21.—A trainload of settlers of 600, from Europe, reached this city today. Two babies were born en route.

The steamer Mabel Bradshaw arrived at Fort William yesterday and reported that the Duluth docks are idle owing to the masters and pilots association strike. Thousands of men are out of work. Every freight carrier is tied up. The strike does ont affect Canadian ports and there are plenty of Canadian bottoms available to carry off cargoes.

Benjamin Burland, of Birch Lake, Alta, was thrown from a cart while returning from Edmonton, receiving fatal injuries.

Cushing Bros. lumber yard at Edmonton was destroyed by fire last night.

HURRYING BALTIC FLEET.

Will Sail for Far East in Two Divisions by Different Routes.

Paris, May 21.—A despatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg says: "Emperor Nicholas left Moscow today for St. Petersburg. The work of preparing the Baltic fleet for active service is being pushed with great activity. It will probably sail for the Far East in two divisions and by different routes. The point of their reunion is not known."

DESTRUCTION OF BOGATYR CONFIRMED

Despatches at Japanese Headquarters Say Cruiser was Wrecked.

Tokio, May 21, 10 p.m.—A trustworthy report has been received at imperial headquarters that the Russian cruiser Bogatyr ran ashore outside Vladivostock in a heavy fog and was destroyed. This is the first ship of the Vladivostock squadron to be destroyed. The report of the grounding of the cruiser Bogatyr came last night from the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris Echo, and was announced by the Russian admiralty today. A cable from Vladivostock today made no allusion to the Bogatyr and reported all quiet there.

DR. PRICE'S cream BAKING POWDER

Indispensable in making finest breads, biscuit and cakes. The greatest culinary help of modern times. Young housekeepers find the beginning of their success in cookery in its employment.

PRICE BAKING POWDER CO. CHICAGO.

NOTE.—Imitation baking powders are lower in price, but they are mostly made from alum and are injurious to health when taken in food.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC TO BUILD FROM PACIFIC END.

Work on Huge Undertaking to Commence in B.C. Simultaneously With Starting of Construction on the Eastern Sections.

Work on the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway will commence on the Pacific coast end of the line simultaneously with the beginning of operations on the Eastern sections. A provision to this effect will be incorporated in the bill now before parliament. This highly important piece of news was received yesterday by officials of the Victoria Board of Trade, which has been active in endeavoring to secure government consent to such a stipulation.

The announcement will be hailed with the keenest pleasure by the people of British Columbia, indicating as it does an era of unprecedented activity on this coast. The arrangement obviously implies that the vast equipment necessary to make a commencement on construction work on the Pacific coast, will require to be transported from British Columbia ports to the scene of operations, thus creating a great activity in shipping and furnishing employment to a host of men.

The outfitting of the big party, the huge quantity of supplies needed, the demand for horses, and the other requirements of such a huge undertaking, implies the certainty of a tremendous impetus to industrial conditions, and a commercial awakening such as has never before been witnessed on this coast.

With the certainty that construction will commence from the coast end simultaneously with beginning work on the Eastern sections, there is the guarantee of the ushering in of an era of unparalleled prosperity. Good times, in the truest and best sense of the phrase, will be present, to the benefit of the people and the upbuilding and development of a land whose resources are unequalled in any similar area on the face of the globe.

Too great praise cannot be given the Victoria Board of Trade for its splendid efforts in securing the consent of the Dominion government to the arrangement which has just been announced. It was only last week that President C. F. Todd forwarded a message strongly urging such action.

Programme For Monday

Band Parade Will Open the Ball Followed By Procession of Private Rigs.

Grand Baseball Game at Oak Bay Washington University vs. Victoria at 3. p. m.

Special Attractions are Public Inspection of Warships and the Fair.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Programme Tomorrow.

9:30 a.m.—Band parade on principal streets.

10 a.m.—Trap shooting, under the auspices of the Victoria Gun Club, at Beacon Hill.

10:30 a.m.—Parade of private driving rigs. Course: Starting at the City hall, along Douglas street to Fort street, down Fort street to Broad street, along Broad street to Cormorant street, down Cormorant to Government street, along Government street to Parliament buildings, where judging will take place.

10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.—Public inspection of His Majesty's warships now in Esquimalt harbor, through the kind permission of Commodore Goodrich, commander-in-chief.

3:00 p.m.—Baseball, University of Washington vs. Victoria, at Oak Bay grounds.

8:30 p.m.—Illuminated bicycle parade. Course: Starting at City hall, along Douglas street to Fort street, down Fort street to Broad street, along Broad street to Cormorant street, down Cormorant street to Government street, along Government street to Parliament buildings, where judging will take place.

8:30 p.m.—Band concert at Parliament buildings.

Opening day great "Made-in-Canada" Fair at Assembly hall.

The celebration begins at 9:30 tomorrow morning with a parade of the Fifth Regiment band, which will serve to liven things up. Trap shooting at Beacon Hill, which begins at 10 o'clock, will no doubt attract a good many spectators, but the next spectacular affair will be the parade of private carriages, starting from the City hall and ending at the Parliament buildings.

A trip of especial interest to visitors is that to Esquimalt. From 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. His Majesty's warships there will be open to public inspection. Cars run at frequent intervals from Government street at the foot of Yates street. The village of Esquimalt, at the edge of the beautiful harbor, is a little bit of old England in the Far West.

Everyone should go to the charming "Made-in-Canada" Fair in the Assembly hall, Fort street. This will be found to be a unique attraction. The stalls are in charge of ladies specially costumed to represent the various industries of which there are exhibits. It has taken the King's Daughters many weeks of hard work to prepare, and the result of their efforts will astonish visitors and residents alike. An admission fee of ten cents is charged, and the proceeds will go to the Royal Jubilee hospital—a most deserving institution. Of the various departments in the fair, the "Corner Grocery" is sure to be particularly well patronized. There the visitor can buy a ticket for 25 cents and afterwards find out which of the various articles in the "grocery" he or she has secured. The peculiar feature of this little lottery is that every article secured is worth at least 25 cents, while most of the things are worth a good deal more. All of the stock of the store has been given gratis by local merchants and Eastern manufacturers. The various things to be secured for 25 cents include: Free return tickets to Vancouver and Seattle, free dinners at the Driard, Vernon and Balmoral hotels, candy from various local sweet shops, boots and shoes, books, one-quarter tons of coal from Mr. Hall and Mr. Kingham, a quart of ice cream from the Royal Dairy, 5 picture frames from Sommers, 6 B. C. Year Books from Mr. Gosnell, a sack of flour from the Enderby mills, 3 passes on the E. & N. railway to Shawnigan, Cold-stream or Duncans, and a thousand and one other things too numerous to mention.

At 3 p. m. there will be a grand baseball match between the University of Washington and Victoria at the beautiful Oak Bay grounds, to which cars will run from Government street at Fort street. This is a delightful trip and the match should be an excellent one.

At 8:30 p.m. there will be an illuminated bicycle parade, starting from the City hall, along Douglas to Fort street, down Broad street to Cormorant, thence along Government street over the causeway to the Parliament buildings, where there will be a band concert. The buildings will be handsomely illuminated.

The programme of the band concert follows:

PART I.

1. Prize March—"Coronation" ..... Godfrey
2. Char. Piece—"Hearts and Flowers" ..... Tobani
3. Selection from Gounod's "Faust" ..... Arr. Myrelles
4. Danze Oriental—"Roxala" ..... Tracy
5. Grand Fantasia — "Robert Bruce" ..... Reeves (Introducing 20 Favorite Scottish Folk Songs.)

(Intermission of Ten Minutes.)

PART II.

6. Overture—"Allensandro della" ..... Stra. Flotow
7. (a) a Novelette—"Sunburst" ..... Gilder
   (b) Intermezzo—"Nokomis" ..... Geo. Werner
8. American Fantasia—"Tone Picture of the North and South" ..... Arr. Bendix
9. Popular Selections—"Clippings" ..... Arr. Finn
10. March—"Tribune" ..... Chambers "God Save the King."

Steamer Dirigo Leads the Fleet

First to Get Away For North After Trails Are Declared Open.

Boston Steamship Company's Liner Hyades Arrives From Oriental Ports.

Steamship Dirigo was the first steamer sailing from Puget sound or British Columbia for Skagway after navigation was announced to be open from White Horse to Dawson. She left Seattle yesterday with a full complement of passengers and 1,200 tons of freight; all she could carry. The Dirigo will be followed by other steamers, also carrying their capacity of passengers and freight. It is going to be a busy summer in the Golden North this year.

THE DOLLAR RATE.

It is entirely in accordance with the custom followed in former years, Mr. E. E. Blackwood says, that the one-dollar excursion rate for the Victoria-Sound round trip has been made, as announced in these columns. There is no attempt to introduce a rate war. Mr. Blackwood says that his company is confident that the increased patronage will amply make up for the cut, as it has always done in the past years, when the same cut has been made at holiday times. The company hope, by making this absurdly low rate, that many will be induced to come over to Victoria's great annual celebration. The company are perfectly prepared to handle all the business likely to offer. The dollar rate applies from all Sound points and from Port Townsend and Port Angeles. Mr. Blackwood says that the company have made special arrangements for handling the patrons of the line expeditiously on the return trip, and every effort will be made to get the people home in good time after the celebration.

HAKODATE HARBOR.

Warning Issued That it is in a State of Siege.

Collector of Customs Clarence W. Ide, of Port Townsend, has received the following communication with respect to existing conditions relative to shipping in the harbor of Hakodate, Japan, with the request that it be given the utmost publicity. The information conveyed will be of value to shipmasters:

Consular Agency of the U. S.,
Hakodate, Japan, April 2, 1904.

E. C. Bellows, Esq., Consul-General of the United States, Yokohama.

Sir,—Hakodate, being a fortress and a military post, has on that account been declared to be in a state of siege and under martial law since the 16th day of February, 1904. Special instructions have been issued regarding navigation of the approaches of this harbor and for the information of American vessels that may be bound for this port, I herewith send you the substance of the same, and would respectfully suggest that said information be sent to San Francisco, New York and Shanghai, as most vessels bound to this place sail from those ports. The approaches to the harbor have been mined with both contact mines and others connected with the shore. It is forbidden for a vessel to enter or leave this port between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

Vessels bound to this port must stop outside of a line drawn one mile from the outside of Hakodate Head, and running to one mile outside of Mussal Point, and hoist their ensign and number and wait until the pilot steamship approaches and then obey the signals of the latter regarding the courses steered. Any vessel that disregards instructions and succeeds in passing through the lines will be liable to be ordered to leave port for such length of time as the naval officer in command of the pilot steamship may think fit and may not be allowed to again enter the port until the expiration of such time. I am, sir,

E. J. KING, Consular Agent.

First Symptoms of Paralysis

Should warn you to revitalize the wasted nerve cells by the use of

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food

Though paralysis is dreaded by everybody, some do not recognize in nervous headache, sleeplessness, irritability and low spirits the indications of nervous exhaustion which point to paralysis as the final outcome.

Whatever else you may neglect do not allow the nervous system to become exhausted and run down.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is the most potent nerve vitalizer known to science today. You can use it with positive assurance that each dose is bound to be of some benefit to you in building up the system and preventing nervous prostration and paralysis.

Mrs. S. J. Schooley, 12 Arthur avenue, St. Thomas, Ont., states:—"I was troubled a great deal with nervousness, severe headache and sleeplessness and at times a sort of numb feeling would come over me. I was in constant fear of paralysis as the doctors told me my trouble was exhaustion of the nervous system. I began using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and soon noticed a great improvement. Now I can say that my nerves are completely restored. I sleep very much better and the distressing feeling of numbness has disappeared."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Company, Toronto. To protect you against imitations the portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every box.

University Of Ottawa

Imposing Function to Mark the Laying of Corner Stone Tuesday.

Monsignor Sbarriti Will Handle the Trowel at the Ceremony.

Association For the Prevention of Consumption Commences Campaign.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 21.—The laying of the corner stone of the new building of the University of Ottawa on Empire Day promises to be an imposing function. Monsignor Sbaretti, the representative of the Pope will handle the trowel and the ceremony will be followed by speeches by Lord Minto and Cardinal Gibbons.

The executive committee of the Canadian association for the Prevention of Consumption, have appointed a committee to take steps to secure the co-operation of the municipalities and of governments for the establishment of a large sanitarium in each province for the treatment of consumption. Dr. Forgan, of Victoria is a member of this committee.

The formal order of the board of railway commissioners for Canada approving the standard of the passenger and freight tariffs of the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon railway was gazetted today.

The Yukon mining regulations were amended to provide for the administration of estates for insane persons.

Baltimore, May 21.—Cardinal Gibbons left here tonight for Ottawa to attend the ceremonies incident to the laying of the corner-stone of the University of Ottawa, which event will take place on May 24th.

The cardinal will deliver an address on the occasion. While in Ottawa Cardinal Gibbons will be the guest of Archbishop Joseph Duchamel.

Feet and Ankles Swollen

Could Not Sleep at Night.

Backache and Kidney Trouble the Cause.

Doan's Kidney Pills

Cured After Other Remedies Had Failed.

These Wonderful Kidney Pills will Cure the Most Obstinate Cases of Kidney Trouble if Only Given a Fair Trial and Used According to Directions.

Read what Mrs. Geo. H. Alward, Whites Point, N.B., has to say about them: "This is to certify that I have used Doan's Kidney Pills for pain in the back and kidney trouble and I do most gratefully recommend them to any person suffering in this way. I was so bad with kidney trouble that I could not get around the house. My feet and ankles were so swollen and painful that I could get no rest day or night. I tried several remedies but could get no relief whatever until a friend advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills. I soon perceived a decided change for the better and had only taken two boxes when I was able to do my housework again, and three boxes made a complete cure."

Doan's Kidney Pills are 50 cts. per box or 3 for $1.25, all dealers or

THE DOAN KIDNEY PILL CO., TORONTO, ONT.

MARCONI'S LATEST.

New York, May 21.—In order to continue his experiments and to perfect the arrangements for the publishing of a daily wireless newspaper on board the vessels of the Cunard line, Mr. Marconi sailed for Liverpool today on the Campania. He arrived last week on the Campania, and he will make one more trip, getting things ready for the publication of the paper.

CRUISER REPORTED DAMAGED.

Russian Man-of-War Said to Have Run Aground in the Neva.

St. Petersburg, May 21.—Reports, which, however, lack confirmation, are in circulation here that the Russian cruiser Orel while on her way to Cronstadt to receive armament, sustained damage which rendered it difficult to keep her afloat. The Orel, which is a new vessel, went aground in the Neva but was refloated.

A despatch from St. Peteresburg May 16th said the Orel had arrived there that day, making the third warship of the squadron destined for the Far East then at that port, for the purpose of receiving an equipment of guns.

The Assizes At Nelson City

Gillie Acquitted of Murder Embraces His Counsel in Court.

John Houston Charged With Criminal Libel to be Tried on Wednesday.

Nelson, May 21.—Louis Gillie, charged with the murder of John Magee at Michel on January 16th last, was acquitted today by a jury after they had been deliberating for two hours. The prisoner exhibited much emotion after the verdict was rendered and embraced his counsel on both cheeks when told that he could go free. The prisoner's wife, who was examined on his behalf, created a mild sensation in the afternoon by fainting when examined by prisoner's counsel as to the assaults made on her by the lumbermen who were with Magee on the night of the killing. Her cross-examination was carried on with the greatest difficulty.

Edward Aho, a Finn, charged with manslaughter in killing Johnson at Michel, was sentenced by the court to five years in the provincial penitentiary.

John Houston, M. P. P., was charged today before the police magistrate with criminal libel by John Elliot, barrister of this city for an article appearing in the Weekly Tribune reflecting on the plaintiff professionally. The case was adjourned until next Wednesday at the request of Mr. Houston's counsel.

FREIGHT HANDLERS' STRIKE.

New York, May 21.—The strike of the freight handlers of the Long Island Sound steamers of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway was extended to include the East river piers today, when about 1,000 longshoremen on those piers went on strike. There was no disorder.

INTERNATIONAL DIFFICULTIES.

Americans and Belgian Government Disagree Over Chinese Railway.

London, May 21.—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, says the Hankow-Canton railway affair is causing international difficulties between King Leopold and the government of the United States over the interests of American shareholders.

THE CULMINATING POINT.

Russian Staff Officer Sets a Day for the Beginning of the End.

Paris, May 21.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says: "It is believed that important news has been received concerning General Kuropatkin's plans. An officer of general staff said: 'May 20th will mark the culminating point of the enemy's offensive operations and then good news may be expected within ten days.'"

THE CZAR'S TOUR OF INSPECTION ENDS

A Two Thousand Mile Journey Completed—Plot to Wreck Train.

Moscow, May 21.—The Emperor's 2,000-mile journey through southern Russia ended here this evening with a review of several sapper and engineer battalions in the courtyard of the Nicholas Barracks, after a hurried visit to the shrine of the Iberian Virgin and the church in the Kremlin, where he was crowned. The Emperor was met here by the same patriotic demonstrations that have marked the whole progress of his trip. The review of the troops was held at the station on account of the pressure of time, and was very brief.

The imperial party departed at 7 o'clock for the Zarkoessio, where His Majesty tomorrow will review the Chevalier Guards, his mother's own regiment, upon the occasion of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of its origin.

Paris, May 22.—The Petit Journal's St. Petersburg correspondent reports that an attempt was made to wreck the train bearing the Emperor on his tour at the Kremenzug station. The pilot train, which preceded that of the Emperor, was derailed, and there were several victims of the plot.

St. Petersburg, May 22.—4:15 a. m.—So far as can be ascertained not even a rumor is in circulation here re the report published in the United States of an attempt to wreck the Emperor's train, and it is impossible to get any official statements until later in the day.

CORRUPT RUSSIANS.

Berlin, May 22.—The Rheinisch Westfaelische Zeitung claims to have authoritative information that corrupt Russian officials started the recent fire in a Cronstadt store house in order to conceal the fact that a large number of uniforms scheduled to be among the naval stores there never existed. The paper states that several high officers are suffering from the effects of poisoning and that one of them has fled abroad.

LIVE BACCILLI LOST.

Chicago, May 21.—Several thousand bacilli taken from plague sufferers in India and enclosed in a small tin case, leather bound, have been lost somewhere between St. Paul and Chicago by W. W. H. Hurlbut, M. D., a scientist from London, who arrived here. The baccilli are as yet unnamed though labelled. Some are mounted and some are preserved alive in media prepared by Dr. Hurlbut. The objects were destined for the use of learned men of England and Germany in their researches regarding the Asiatic plague, which Dr. Hurlbut says up to this time has eluded definite results. The loss has been reported to the police and railway officials.

The Admiralty Still Denies

Loss of Bogatyr Is Not Admitted by Headquarters in St. Petersburg.

Unofficial Account Says That Cruiser Has Not Been Blown Up.

St. Petersburg, May 21.—In spite of continued denials from the admiralty here, reports emanating from Russian sources are persistently circulating here that the Russian protected cruiser Bogatyr is on the rocks near Vladivostock. Her exact position is not revealed and Rear Admiral Jessen, according to the reports is making determined efforts to save her with what is considered to be a good chance of success. It is known positively that the Bogatyr has not been blown up. It is believed to be likely, however, that the Japanese will make an attempt to stop the salvage operations.

The general staff has received a message from General Stoessel giving his account of the fight north of Kinchou Monday last. Three Russian regiments were attacked by the Japanese divisions with four batteries of artillery. The Russians lost 160 killed or wounded. The Japanese losses are not known, but it is believed they are heavy. The enemy's advance on Kinchou was arrested. The general staff explains that the attack on the Russian troops was arranged to take place simultaneously with a landing of Japanese troops in Kerr bay, which was unsuccessful owing to the number of Russian mines there. The general staff expects to hear of another fight at Kinchou. The general staff says the whole region northwest of Fengwangchen is clear of Japanese and that reinforcements are daily arriving at Liaoyang. The statement from New Chwang that there is telegraphic communication between that town and Port Arthur is not believed by the general staff to be correct. All messages from Port Arthur are brought by runners.

The four characters recently arrested at Cronstadt on British and German steamers on suspicion of being Japanese spies, are being detained at St. Petersburg. It order because they resemble Japanese, that they may be safely out of harm's way until their ships are ready to leave, when the prisoners will be released and sent on board. One of the men says he is a Filipino and claims American protection. So soon as he learned of the arrests, United States Ambassador McCormick, who is in charge of Japanese interests, made an enquiry on the subject, and was informed that the men there would be released.

Details of Rear Admiral Wittsoeft's mail despatch to Viceroy Alexieff, transmitted by telegraph yesterday to Flig Admiral Grand Duke Alexis, which were not made public, established the fact that mines planted by the Russian torpedo boats were responsible for the destruction of the Hatsuse and the damage sustained by another battleship of the Fuji type off Port Arthur. It is said that no submarine boats were sent out of Port Arthur.

The circular issued recently regarding the duty on foreign goods was issued today. It permits the importation of such goods free of duty into the government general of the Amur territory, through ports south of the Amur and further south as well as over the Manchurian frontier, with the limitation of that duty in Russia. The duty on Russian cotton goods imported into the Amur territory will be remitted. The new regulation will become effective today.

RUSSIA PURCHASES THREE FINE SHIPS

Hamburg American Line Disposes of Vessels For Use as Cruisers.

Berlin, May 21.—The Hamburg correspondent of the Boersen Courier telegraphs that the Hamburg-American officials admit that Russia tried to buy the steamer Deutschland, but the price demanded was too high, the sum mentioned being $3,000,000. The prices of the steamers sold to Russia are said to be as follows: Auguste Victoria, about $1,500,000, Columbia and Fuerst Bismarck each $1,000,000. Belgia $750,000. It is believed that the Hamburg-American vessels will be fitted out as auxilliary cruisers.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a 30-year lease of the following described lands for the purpose of stripping hemlock bark and cutting and carrying away the timber therefrom: Commencing at a post on the right bank of Nahmint river, Alberni Canal, thence 80 chains east, 20 chains north, 80 chains west, 20 chains south, 40 chains north, 160 chains west, 120 chains north, 80 chains west, 40 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 120 chains south, 80 chains east, 40 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 240 chains east, 20 chains north to point of commencement. Also commencing at a post on Dunsmuir Point at the Boundary Line of the E. & N. Railway Belt, on Alberni Canal, on the west side, thence 160 chains northwesterly along the line; thence 40 chains southwest; thence 160 chains southeasterly to Alberni Canal, thence northerly along the shore to point of commencement.

FRASER RIVER TANNERY, LTD.

MINERAL ACT.

Certificate of Improvements. Notice—Thelma Imperial and Doubtful, fractional mineral claims situate in Victoria mining division of Victoria district. Where located: Mount Seker, B. C., V. I. Take notice that Harry Smith, agent for The Mount Sicker & B. C. Development Co., Ltd., free miner's certificate No. B 79,569, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claims. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 16th day of March, A.D., 1904.

JAPANESE KEEP WATCH.

Vladivostock, May 20.—Japanese warships appear from time to time in the great bay, but they do not approach Vladivostock.

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SUNLIGHT SOAP is made of pure fats and oils and contains no dangerous ingredient. It is pure soap that gives absolute satisfaction.

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The Day at The Capita

Laying Corner Stone of New O tawa University a Great Function.

Tenders Called For Propos New Canadian-Mexican Liners.

The Transportation Commissi Considering the Navigation of Hudson's Bay.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 25.—The laying of t cornerstone of the new Ottawa Unive sity building today was a great fun tion. Cardinal Gibbons and Monsign Sbaretti, Papal delegate, took the ch parts. There was an immense atten ance and speeches were made by Lo Minto, Premier Laurier, Mr. Borde the opposition leader, etc. Speaker Be court entertained the visiting chur dignitaries at a dinner tonight in th Commons.

The department of trade and co merce is advertising for tenders for steamship service for a period of fi years, between Canada and Mexic Tenders will be received up to Augu 1st. The conditions for sailings ar Monthly between Montreal in summ and Halifax in winter, and the Mexica ports of Progreso, Coatzacoalcos, Ver Cruz and Tampico, touching at Nassa Bahamas islands and Havana, Cub Monthly between Vancouver, B. C., an Mexican ports of Mazatlan, San Ba Manzanillo, Acapulco, Pureto Ange Salina Cruz, Tonala and San Benit Vessels employed are to class A. I. ru under the British flag and to hav a capacity of not less than 3,000 tons with adequate passenger accommoda tion, and to maintain between ports minimum speed of 10 knots per hour.

In the call for tenders for the Mex can steamship line there is no reference to the subsidy being a Victoria; Va couver is to be the starting point fo the line, thence vessels run to Mexica ports. Mr. Earle will call attentio to the omission and press for the in clusion of Victoria.

Cardinal Gibbons occupied a seat o the floor of the Commons chamber thi afternoon. A strange coincidence is that Cardinal Gibbons, whose work for the laboring men of the United States has made him world-famed, should, o the occasion of his first visit to the Can adian Commons, listen to a debate on the labor question. It was precipitated by Mr. Clare, South Waterloo, who moved an amendment to the Grand Trunk Pacific bill, restricting the employment of engineers, etc., in the local survey to Canadians and other British subjects. Mr. Clare showed that Sir William Mulock, since being created minister of labor, had done absolutely nothing to protect the Canadian workmen against "Yankee" competition. Sir William Mulock made a lame defence of his inactness. He promised genuine legislation on the subject. This second attempt within a week to sidetrack the opposition amendments by the flimsy pretext of "general legislation" called for vigorous protests from the opposition.

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine will move an amendment to the fishery law to enable him to order, where necessary, the building of slides in dams. If these are not effective the minister may cause a break to be made without compensation.

Mr. Clare's amendment was defeated by 86 to 50, Puttee (Labor), voting with the opposition. Ralph Smith, of Nanaimo, voted against. The Conservatives cheered loudly at the reduced government majority.

Cardinal Gibbons was tendered a reception by the citizens tonight. He made a brilliant reply urging that all disputes between Canada and the United States should be settled by arbitration.

In the supreme court today the Yukon appeal, Letourneau vs. Carbonneau, arising out of a dispute regarding Gold Run claim, was argued.

Hon. Clifford Sifton in the House said that 607 acres of land were sold to Hewitt Bostock from within the railway belt. There were 123 acres which cost $2.50 per acre and the balance was $5 per acre. Particulars of this sale were published in the Canada Gazette some time ago and given in this correspondence.

Sir William Mulock announced that Mr. Winchester, Toronto, had been appointed to investigate the matter of the Grand Trunk Pacific employing American surveyors in violation of the Alien Labor Act.

The transportation commission is sitting here today taking evidence as to the navigability of Hudson Bay straits.

THE RUSSIANS BURN A KOREAN SHRINE

Royal Mausoleum of Greatest Antiquity Destroyed By Cossacks.

Seoul, May 25.—11 a. m.—A telegram has been received here from General Sanw saying that the Russians, after the engagement with Korean troops at Nahmeung May 19th, burned the shrines and the royal mausoleum which were erected there by the founders of the present Korean dynasty in the year 1364 and which were regarded by the Koreans as sacred. This apparent wanton desecration of tombs in a land imbued with the spirit of ancestor worship has caused denunciations of the Russians on the part of Seoul officials. Namheung is on the coast of Korea about fifty miles north of Mensan.

The Cossacks, who are believed to be at Kyongsang, have according to Korean reports, about twenty guns with them. If this is true, this artillery probably is composed of trans-Baikal horse batteries, several of which were attached to the first corps at Vladivostock before the war.

A Japanese, who has returned here from Yongampo, reports that there are only a few Japanese troops there. The people are quiet, but they do not welcome the Japanese occupation because of the severity of the military authorities. There are not more than 3,000 soldiers in the garrison at Seoul.

A preacher who went to a Kentucky parish where the parishioners bred horses, was asked to invite the prayers of the congregation for Luck Grey. He did so. They prayed three Sundays for Lucy Grey. On the fourth he was told he need not do it any more. "Why," said the preacher, "is she dead?" "No," answered the man, "she won the Derby."—Washington Post.