Provincial Parliament

The Debate Opened on Motion Address in Reply.

Speeches by Ross of Fernie and Taylor of Revelstoke.

A Resolution Was Passed Favor of Duty on Lumber.

In moving for the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, Mr. Ross (Fernie), expressed recognition of the distinction accorded his constituency in the appointment which had been made for this time-honored task. In remade for this time-honored task. In re-lation to references to agriculture and horticultural prosperity, he observed that the agricultural industry yielded greater returns for the capital invested than any other. It was a matter for congratulation that the province had se-cured such recognition for the merit of its horticultural products as had been won by our fruit exhibits in competition with the world in the old country. won by our fruit exhibits in competiwith the world in the old country.

The mining industry showed encouraging results. The total returns for the year just closed amounted to \$20,000.

OO. The general result, he believed, was equal to that of 1901, the banner year of the mining industry. His district yielded over 11 per cent. of this general result the output amounting to year of the mining industry. His district yielded over 11 per cent. of this general result, the output amounting to something like \$2,210,000. During the year better prices, had prevailed for metals and zinc, hitherto unsaleable had become a marketable product, a fact of great importance to those districts producing zinc-bearing ores. Referring to the lumber industry, he commented upon the efforts now being made at Ottawa to secure some adequate protection, and expressed the hope that the local government would see its way clear to make certain changes in regard to the title of timber lands so as to allow holders to have something of a more permanent and tangible nature, and he believed something of this kind was in contemplation. Passing to a consideration of the financial conditions, he pointed out that the present government acceded to power facing a debit balance of \$71,-829, and in addition to this contracts which had pledged the credit of the country to the extent of about \$800,000. And yet today, at the end of its first fiscal year, the government was able to show a surplus of revenue over expenditure amounting to \$27,706.95. Included in the expenditure was \$51,000 for interest on railway guarantees, which has hitherto been charged to capital account. Had the statement been rendered as it had been in the past for the purpose of showing an apparent, instead of a true, surplus, the amount would have appeared as something like \$80,000. As it was, the surplus, while only \$28,000, was the first which provincial financiers had been able to show for 26 years. In this connection he referred to Mr. Henderson's apparent solution for the financiers had been able to show for 26 years. In this connection he referred to Mr. Henderson's apparent solution for the financiers had been able to show for 26 years. In this connection he referred to Mr. Henderson's apparent solution for the financiers had been able to show for 26 years. In this connection he referred to Mr. Henderson's apparent solution for the financiers had

In the speech reference had been made to the question of better terms. This was a most important matter, involving consideration as to how they should conduct their business for the future. In this connection he alluded to a very able brochure on this subject that has been prepared for the information of the house. As shown in this tion of the house. As shown in this comprehensive presentation of their case, the province had, since Confederation, contributed to the Dominion \$17,000,000 in excess of the amount received from the federal treasury, three Trunk Issue of Three Millon pounds.

The Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Fe isting. He also referred, in a general way, to the other proposed amendments to existing legislation, making particular reference to the Game Act, and stated the game in his section of the Kootenay suffered greatly from the depredations of Indians from the Northwest Territories, and that the Dominion government were not performing their duty of keeping these Indians on their reserves.

Alluding to the railway question, he stated that he was not in a position to

to be commended for having gone slow up to the present, and he expressed the hope that when a policy was laid before the house that the same should be well thought out, bold and aggressive, dud have for its object reductions in freight and passenger rates, which were now a burden upon the people. He hoped the government would see its way to assist the Coast-Kootenay railway, the Kettle Valley railway and the Kootenay (Central. With regard to the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, they were still in the dark as to what assistance, if any, they required. He favored the granting of a right of way, station ground and terminal facilities wherever elecessary, and was strongly in favor of the first being rade to some the could be compared. granting of a right of way, station ground and terminal facilities wherever necessary, and was strongly in favor of an effort being made to secure the early construction of the road, but doubted if this was sufficient reason for granting any extensive land subsidy if the same should be requested. He thought that advances should be made to the Canadian Northern railway for the purpose of securing a friendly arrangement with the government whereby a permanent reduction in freight and passenger charges should be secured or the alternative advantage of government control. This policy was working successfully in Manitoba, and even if some consideration was extended, a material and lasting advantage would be secured in return. He was not in favor of extensive land bonness being given, as had been done in the past, but thought that if a satisfactory arrangement of this nature could be made the neonle of the strong relief against the case of historic groups.

Family Troubles Leads to an Arrest and Arson Is Suspected.

Belleville, Ont., Feb. 13.—Early yesterday morning the barus of F. Macdonald, Point Ann, were destroyed by fire with eleven head of cattle, four horses, 400 bushels of grain and all implements. Yesterday afternoon Macdonald's barbles.

with eleven head of Cattle, four horses, 400 bushels of grain and all implements. Yesterday afternoon Macdonald's brother Donald was placed under arrest on a charge of threatening to kill his brother and family, and now there is a possibility of a charge of arson being made. Trouble over a lawsuit caused a difference between the families.

MOTHER AND CHILLD PERISH.

Bridgewater, N. S., Feb. 13.—Fire at Day Spring yesterday destroyed a dwelling occupied by two families, those of Kenneth Leary and Edward Rodenhiser. All the occupants of the building were rescued except one child of the Rodenhiser family. The mother, in spite of the protests, re-entered the building to rescue the child, but both mother and child perished.

C. P. R. DIVIDEND.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific railway today a dividend of 2 per cent. on preference stock, and 3 per cent. on common stock, was declared for the half year ending December last. After the payment of working expenses, fixed charges and the dividends now declared, there is a surplus for the half year ending December last. After the payment of working expenses, fixed charges and the dividends now declared, there is a surplus for the half year of \$2.452.531.

FIRE AT DUNNVILLE.

Dunnville, Ont., Feb. 13.—The Albroblock was destroyed by fire today. The blaze was probably due to a defective flue. The loss is nearly \$10.000.

Sault Ste. Marie, Out., Feb. 13.—A pile of ore at the smelting works of the Algoma Iron and Steel Company slid down today upon Jacob Johnson and instantly killed him, and injured another man.

ROOSEVELT AND SENATE.

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Alluding to the railway question, he stated that he was not in a position to promulgate the government's policy and threat anything he might say was to be regarded as a result of individual thought, observing that the necessity existed for an aggressive policy to populate the country and develop our doristed the country and develop our doristed resources. The government was of District Attorney Henry.

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NINETY-FOUR DROWNED.

London, Feb. 13.—A despatch from Kobe, Japan, to the Express reports that the small steamer Natorigawa colided with the harbor works at Osaka and also conspiring to obtain possession of more than 200,000 acres of public lands in several states, to the value of more than \$2,000,000.

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GRAND JURY INDICTS

Senate Held to Answer

Charges.

Opinion That Russian Autocracy Will Be Swept Away in Two

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Monday, Feb. 13.

THE HOUSE opened at 2 p. m. with prayers by Rev. Canon Beanlands.

PETITIONS.

A petition from F. S. Barnard for leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the P. C. Securities Company was received.

Mr. Macgowan presented a petition from W. T. Stein and others for leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Chartered Accountants' Institute.

Mr. Clifford introduced a petition from the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company for leave to a mend their corporate act, and Mr. Taylor presented a petition from the Pacific Railway Company for leave to a mend their corporate act, and Mr. Taylor presented a petition from W. Herbert Evans and others for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Pording Valley Railway Company for leave to a mend their corporate act, and Mr. Taylor presented a petition from W. Herbert Evans and others for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company for leave to a mend their corporate act, and Mr. Taylor presented a petition from the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company for the same purpose; also a petition from the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Campany for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Campany for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Campany for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the fording Valley Railway Campany for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Campany for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Campany for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Campany for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the fording Valley Railway Campany for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the fording Valley the bureaucracy has any guarantee of the morrow. Practically, therefore, there is a conflict of Russia with a small party of the 'highest.'

"Usurpation of personal rights began long ago and it continued its process of absorption, only sending back something occasionally until Von Plehve came. He was the apotheosis of the idea of no rights for the entire population. Von Plehve became the true historical successor of Maliuta Skuraloff.

"This is the threshhold of revolution, but revolution itself has not begun. For it we lack organization and experience. We must have ten or twenty years of such crimes as have recently occurred to teach us how to lead an attack properly. The masses must be educated. Jan. teach us how to lead an attack properly. The masses must be educated. Jan.
22 taught us much, for with it began
that hatred of the people toward the
military without which the future vicory of the peaceful citizen is inconceivable. We have already heard the cries
of the crowd addressed to the officers,
"hangmen," "murderers." When that
same cry. coming from the soul, shall
resound like a colossal chorus throughout Russia, then shall we be able to say
that we have crossed the threshold of
a revolution."

PRESERVATION OF NIAGARA FALLS

New York Legislature Seeks to Stop Spollation of Famous Cataract,

ASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Not in recent years has the House of Representatives witnessed such a spectacle as it did today with Messrs. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, and Hearst, of New York, as the central figures. Both indulged in personalities of the gravest character, and so stirred the house as to arouse among certain members a feeling of greatest indignation. Mr. Sullivan heaped upon Mr. Hearst a tirade of denunciations, while the latter, by implication, charged Mr. Sullivan with completity in a murder.

The affair grew out of the recent discussion of the freight rate question in the house, when Mr. Sullivan inquired of Mr. Lamar, of Florida, who was favoring the Hearst bill, why Mr. Hearst did not defend his own bill, this being followed by a criticism of Mr. Sullivan in the New York American and Journal. Several appeals were made to Speaker Cannon to cause the two men to desist in their abuse of each other. Speaker Cannon, however, allowed them to proceed. Mr. Sullivan entirely concluded, but in the case of Mr. Hearst the speaker, on reconsideration, noting the temper of the house, decided that an accusation of homicide against a fellow-member was not parliamentary because it was calculated to provoke disorder and disturbances almost immediately thereafter. Mr. Hearst took his seat, hurling defiance and declaring that it would be his pride to continue his hostility to individuals such as he charged Mr. Sullivan to be. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The effect mon Niagara Falls of withdrawing water for electric power purposes, was the subject of a concurrent resolution introduced today by Assemblyman Palmer, leader of the Democrats. A similar resolution was the feature of

last year's session.

It provides for a memorial addressed to the President and Congress of the United States "requesting that they, by treaty or otherwise, enter into negotiations with His Majesty's government of

BRITISH NEWS

BY THE CABLE

Lord Strathcona Unwell—Grand

Trunk Issue of Three Millon

Pounds.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Feb. 13.—Lord Strathcona is suffering from a severe cold and left his office early today. Unless he gets better he will probably postpone his determined the high civilization while the forward race is enabled to preserve unharmed the high civilization was formal and the properties of the guest of honor at the Lincoln diamer of the Republican club in this city tonight, Pressendent Roosevelt made a speech on the race problem. He appealed to the North to make its friendship to the South the greated because "the embarrassment of conditions for which she is not alone responsible" declared that the heartiest acknowledgments are due to the ministers, law officers, grand juries, public men and "great daily newspapers in the South who have recently done such effective work in leading the crusade against lynching," and said that the problem was to "so adjust the relations between two races of different colors that the backward race be trained so that it may enter into the possession of true freedom while the forward race is enabled to preserve unharmed the high civilization was the public of the South who have recently done such effective work in leading the crusade against lynching," and said that the problem was to "so adjust the relations between two races of different colors that the backward race be trained so that it may enter the problem was to "so adjust the relations between two races of different colors that the backward race be trained so that it may enter the problem was to "so adjust the relations between two races of different colors that the backward race is enabled to preserve unharmed the high civilization was the problem was to the problem was to "so adjust the relations to the problem was to "so adjust the relations to the problem was to "so adjust the relations to the problem was to "so adjust the

Berlin, Feb. 13.—A funeral service in memory of Adolf Von Menzel, the artist, was held today in the rotunda of the old museum here. By command of Emperor William, the guard of honor was furnished by the Emperor's company of the First Regiment of Guards. Were returned by the federal grand jury are grave Prof. Otsen delivered a graving former U.S. District Attorney

Yesterday At Federal Capital

Huntingdon. W. Va., Feb. 13.-Rev. Washington Hager, of Hadley, a Baptist minister, has been arrested charged with passing two-dollar bills that had been raised to ten. He was engaged in conducting a revival meeting at Big Ugly Creek when the arrest was made. His arrest caused a sensation. For months past counterfeit and raised bills have been circulated freely in this vicinity. Mr. Emmerson Objects to Produce Plans of Grand Trunk Pacific.

> Canada's Representative in Mexico Has Peculiar Trade Notions.

Binghampton, Feb. 13.—James Manning Broson, editor-in-chief of the Binghampton Press, died in this city today from a complication of diseases. He was 50 years of age. Mr. Bronson had been associated with some of the leading newspapers of the country, among them being the New York Press, the New York Journal and the New York Herald as editorial writer, and dramatic critic for the Syracuse Herald. From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Hon, Mr. Emmerson today tried to shake off Mr. Bryce's motion for the production of the plans for the G. T. P. terminal port on the Pacific coast on the ground that they had not yet been approved. Messrs. Haggart and Borden sharply took Mr. Emmerson to task and eventually the motion was allowed to stand.
Mr. Perley gives notice of a resolution affirming that steps should be taken by parliament to deal with the subject of tuberculosis.

Premier Parent, who has been here for three days, returned to Quebec this afternoon. He had frequent conferences with Premier Laurier and Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick. The general impression is that he will retire from the Quebec premiershin shortly.

Mr. Borden may take up his permanent residence in Ottawa and practice here.

A. W. Donly, Canada's commercial agent to Mexico, has sent his first report to the trade and commerce department. He says that there is little likelihood in an immediate trade between British Columbia and Mexico on the Pacific. Referring to the prospects on the Atlantic route, Mr. Donly says the trade that may ultimately arise between Bastern Canada and Central and Eastern Mexico is practically unlimited. More than healf of Mexico's import trade goes to the United States.

A vote of \$4,000 was taken for the administration of the Chinese immigration act. Since the introduction of the \$500 capita tax no Chinamen had come in under it. Three had escaped from the C. P. R. and the company had paid \$1,500 taxes. There had been 56 Chinese allowed to come into Canada under exemption provision. Mr. Millan said the Chinese population in Toronto had probably increased by 1000 or 2000 during the last few years. Mr. Foster by consulting the trade and commercial reports holds that 4,719 Chinese had come in and the revenue had been \$474,420. Hon. Mr. Paterson was quite surprised, but, as Mr. Foster remarked, his versatility was remarkable and quite equal to emergency. Having given the best of acasons for no Chinese entering, he gave an equally good one for 4,719 coming in by saying that they must have hurried in before the tax became operative on Jam. 1, 1904.

The election in Wright today to fill the vacancy by the retirement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is very close. With five polls to hear from McDonald, Conservative, has 74 majority. The result will be very close.

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St. John's Nfld., seven days ago with a cargo of merchandise and several passengers, and touched at Halifax in accordance with her regular schedule. The yoyage from that port should have been made in 48 hours under normal conditions, but seven days had elapsed without any word having been received from her, and she had been given up for lost.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Emilie Fisher Hoch, the latest wife of Johann Hoch, called upon him today to make a demand for her money. After Hoch had been brought from a cell into the police inspector's office, the wife said: "John, you have got my money and I want it. Give it back to me if you have any heart at all, for I need every cent." Unmoved by the earnest plea, Hoch answered: "Now, my dear, don't get excited. You will get all your money back and more if you do the right thing. All of these stores about me are false. You leave me alone and you will come out all right. Wait and we will talk it over later."

The woman did not make any reply and the interview was at an end. A special detail of detectives have been set at work in an effort to locate the drug store at writch Heals is awayseed. under the arbitration award of King Oscar of Sweden and Norway, October 14, 1902, which, it is affirmed, still remains unpaid and the settlers in the meanwhile being unable to rebuild their houses or develop their plantations.

KUROPATKIN'S REPORT.

special detail of detectives have been set at work in an effort to locate the drug store at which Hoch is supposed to have purchased the arsenic which the police will endeavor to prove was administered to Mrs. Marie Welcker Hoch. The rost-mortem examination disclosed three grains of arsenic in the woman's stomach. St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.-A despate St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—A despatch from General Kuropatkin, made public today, says: "Early in the morning of February 12 three hundred Japanese cavalry attacked a bridge near Fengetzkongu and damaged thirty yards of the railroad. Train service was resumed after some delay. The Japanese bombarded Poutloff (Lone Tree hill) and Sekheyan with siege guns February 11. One officer was killed and several were wounded. According to corrected returns, the Japanese prisoners captured January 25 to 28, total 343, of whom 221 were wounded." Cleveland, O., Feb. 13.—In response to a request of J. P. Dawley, counsel for Mrs, Cassie L. Chadwick, United States District Attorney Sullivan said today that Mrs. Chadwick would probably be placed on trial first on the charge of conspiracy, as covered by section 5,440 of the federal statutes.

CHURCH BURNED.

Marietta, O., Feb. 13:—The First Congregational church of this city, the first church in the northwest territory, was destroyed by fire today. The church was built in 1788 and has been several times remodelled. The loss is \$30,000. Berlin, Feb. 13.—Fanny Morgan-Olden, formerly well known as an opera singer, died today in a private sanitarium, where she had been a pa-tient since October, 1903. UNTIMELY VISITATION.

New York, Feb. 13.—Hundreds of the tenants of the flats in West 29th street and West 30th street engaged in a scramble to escape from their homes today when a fire in a six-storey factory building in West 30th street got out of the control of the firemen and destroyed the building. The loss was \$100,000. SENATOR MITCHELL Oregon's Representative in U.S.

REFUSE TO INTERFERE.

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—The Supreme court today refused to reopen the case of Samuel Greason, colored, of Reading, who, together with Mrs. Kate Eding, who, together with Mrs. Kate Eding. Portland, Ore., Feb. 13.—The United States grand jury late tonight returned an indictment charging United States Senator Mitchell, Congressmen John N. Williamson and Binger Herman and wards, was convicted of murdering the latter's husband. Unless the board of pardous, which meets in Harrisburg on Wednesday, interferes, the woman and Greason will both be hanged on Thurs-

COAL STRIKE SETTLED. Essen, Prussia, Feb. 13.-The coal strike is entirely ended. Full s went into the mines this morning.

General Kuroki's Headquarters, Feb.
13, via Fusan.—The Japanese artiflery, which has seldom replied to the Russian bombardment during the last three months, has become more active, and artiflery duels of the Russian bombardment during the last three months, has become more active, and artiflery duels of the Russian bombardment during the last three months, has become more active, and artiflery duels of the Russian bombardment during the last three months, has become more active. months, has become more active, and artillery duels along some portions of the front occur almost daily. While there has been much suffering on the outposts, where it was impossible to keep a fire, and much suffering during the fighting, sickness among the troops has steadily decreased and there is probably less sickness than any other large army in the field ever experienced at any season.

. BALKAN SITUATION.

Meeting Held in London to Urge Government to Interfere.

Loudon, Feb. 13.-A conference London, Feb. 13.—A conference on the Balkan situation took place here to-day, Lord Stanmore presiding. Among those present were the Bishop of Hereford, Jas. Bryce, Herbert Gladstone and the Earl of Lytton. A resolution was passed urging upon the government to take immediate steps to secure adequate reforms, asserting that a continuance of misrule in Armenia and Macadonia. misrule in 'Armenia and Macedonia would be a disgrace to civilization, nafirming the direct responsibility of Great Britain for the establishment of reforms and setting forth that the solu-Premier Parent, who has been here for three days, returned to Quebec this afternoon. He had frequent conferences with Premier Laurier and Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick. The general impression is that he will retire from the Quebec premiership shortly.

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Two Drowned

Many Break Through Ice at Long Lake and Two Boys Perish.

Heroic Attempt of Companions to Save Lives of Unfortunate Youths.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ladysmith, B. C., Feb. 13.-A deep gloom was cast over this city last night when the news arrived from Wellington of the sudden death by drowning of

The Selkirk is in port this morning with ore for the smelter.

RUSSIAN STRIKE SITUATION IMPROVES

Even in Poland Labor Troubles Present a More Settled Aspect.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—The strike situation, according to reports from the interior, is everywhere improving even in Poland. Here all danger of a remewal of an acute stage seem to have been passed. All the works within the exception of the Putiloff Iron Works and two others have resumed work.

The imperial ukase summoning a joint commission of masters and workmen, chosen by themselves, to investigate the causes of discontent among the laborers was posted at all the works today, creating a favorable impression.

dustrial life shall remain within the province of the ministry of finance. The committee decided to instruct the finance minister forthwith to frame a scheme for the improvement of the lot of the workmen; the solution of outstanding questions including an endeavor to decrease the working hours; the alteration of existing laws as affecting economic strikes not accompanied by public disturbance; medical assistance for workmen and the limitation of the receipts nen and the limitation of the receipts and duties of factory inspectors. The committee decided to submit the above suggestions to the special committee under the presidency of the minister of finance, which will take the evidence of both masters and men.

THREE STEAMERS.

Will Be Used on Victoria-Seattle Run This Season.

The Alaska Steamship Co. will place two steamers on the Victoria-Seattle run on May 1, says Mr. Blackwood, local agent of the line. With the steamer Princess Victoria of the C. P. R., which is to resume service to Seattle on that date, there will be three steamers daily running to and from Seattle. Mr. I-lackwood says the Whatcom will continue on the route for her compriny and another steamer, perhaps the Dolphin, will be added.

Commission

Work Practically Completed and the President Will Now Deliberate.

Diplomatic Correspondence Over Incident Made Public in

London.

Lord Lansdowne Used Unmistakable Language to Russian Ambassador.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The international Constitution which is inquiring into the North Sea incident today heard the conclusion of the British and Russian agents on the testimony presented. The British conclusion mony presented. The British conclusion maintained that the testimony shows at Adrianople, independent Itan of Turkey, and responto all the powers of Europe. lengthily discussed the situasial it was useless to ask h government to institute furms.

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At Wellington

The British conclusion maintained that the testimony shows are present, and therefore the firing was unjustified, where the Russian conclusion held that the testimony showed that torpedo boats were present and that the firing was fully warranted. The Russian statement, however, closed with a declaration of profound regret at the fact that innocent lives had been sacrificed and announced the willingness of the Russian government to pay an indemnity to the survivors and families of the victims, leaving the amount and partition of the indemnity to The Hague tribunal. Today's session practically closed the work of the commission until a conclusion is reached, when Admiral Fournier (the president of the commission) will call a meeting for the proposed public announcement.

announcement.

The admiral in the meantime will hold daily private sessions to deliberate upon the decision. It is expected that some days will elapse before definite re-

London, Feb. 13.—The diplomatic cor London, Feb. 13.—The diplomatic correspondence regarding the North Sea incident, and leading up to the appointment of the Paris international commission, issued tonight, shows that the affair severely strained Anglo-Russian relations. Foreign Minister Lansdowne insisted that it was a question that admitted of no delay, as public feeling in Great Britain might become uncontrollable. The correspondence gives a significant conversation between Lord Lansdowne and Count Benkendorff, the

ed by Religious Crank.

New York, Feb. 13.—Having in his possession a bill made out against America and the Young Men's Christian Association for five billion dollars for creating a new heaven and a new earth, Albert F. Leighton of Philadelphia was arrested today technically charged with carrying concealed weapons. A loaded revolver was found in his pocket and also a letter to Miss Helen M. Gould. The police say he has been sending letters to Helen M. Gould proposing marriage. An ambulance surgeon reported that Leighton was suffering from religious melancholia. A paper found in his pocket read as follows: "America and the Y. M. C. A., in account with Albert E. Leighton. To one mountain discovered, five billion dollars, to one mew heaven and earth created, five billion dollars. Please remit, long past due." The paper contained also many biblical references.

A RAILROAD COMBINE.

and two others have resumed work.

The imperial ukase summoning a joint commission of masters and working the causes of discontent among the gate the causes of discontent among the gate the causes of discontent among the laborers was posted at all the works to day, creating a favorable impression. The government has increased wages at all the government shops and also the pay of the railroad employees from fifteen to twenty per cent.

Projected factory legislation was discussed by the committee of ministers to day. One of the most important decisions reached was that supervision of industrial life shall remain within the committee decided to instruct the finance minister forthwith to frame a scheme for the improvement of the lot of the workmen; the solution of outstanding questions including an endeavor to decrease the working hours; the alteration of existing laws as affecting economic strikes not accompanied by public disturbance; medical assistance for work. Buffalo, Feb. 13.-Effective Wednes as though no very great enmity existed

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London, Feb. 14.-The Standard's London, Feb. 14.—The Standard's Moscow correspondent reports that at the annual ball of the engineering students, held Saturday night in the hall where the assembly of nobles sits, after the customary concert, instead of dancing, the whole gathering drowned the orchestra by singing the "Marseillaise." Then students made revolutionary harangues, which were enthusiastically applauded. Proclamations were distributed broadcast amid cries of "ston the war" and "down with the aristocracy."

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