Cossacks Attack Japanese Skirmish-

ers and Take a Few Prisoners— Russian Efforts to Obtain

More Ships.

Russia's Story of the Beginning of the War Accuses Japan of Treachery—Russia Angry at the United States.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.-A despatch from Port Arthur today says the first land encounter occurred yesterday. A picket of Cossacks attacked a small detachment of Japanese troops on Korean territory. The Cossacks captured some Japanese prisoners on whom they found maps and papers.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.-The collision was presumably between reconnoitering parties. A general engagement is not anticipated immediately. A special Port Arthur despatch says the Japanese fleet was observed February 18, cruising off that port. Reports from Northern Korea say the Koreans are showing a decidedly friendly attitude to the Russians. The Manchurian railroad is conveying troops without difficulty to the various point of concentration. Native reports say that the Chinese pirates since the outbreak of hostilites have been displaying such activity in eastern Asiatic waters as to almost paralyze the coasting trade.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20. - According to the terms of an imperial order just issued, political suspects under police surveillance are permitted to enter the army in the field as privates, after which the minister of the interior and the minister of justice can order the withdrawal of police supervision

over such persons. Another decree appoints a special commission under the presidency of hereditary Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, brother of the czar, to arrange for the most speedy construction of submarine boats, cruisers and other vessels, to meet the expense of which a public subscription has been started by the press.

CHARGES AGAINST JAPAN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20 .- A Russian account of the events immediately preceding the rupture with Japan is published in the official Messenger today with the object of rectifying certain statements from Japanese sour-

In this account it is stated that on receipt of the last Japanese proposals. January 16, the government immedi ately proceeded to examine the Japanese demands, and on January 25, M. Kurino, the Japanese minister, was informed, in reply to his inquiry, that the czar had entrusted the proposals to a special conference, the members of which would meet Jan. 28. and that his majesty's decision would probably not be given befor Feb. 2.

On the last named date, Emperor Ni cholas ordered the preparation of a draft of definite instructions to Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, based on the deliberations of this conference. On Feb. 3, identical telegrams were sent to Viceroy Alexieff and Baron de Rosen, containing the text of the draft of a proposed Russian agreement, with a full statement of reasons which prompted Russia to modify the Japanese proposals and general instructions to Baron de Rosen concern ing the presentation of the reply to the Japanese government. Forty-eight hours before the receipt of the news of the rupture. Foreign Minister Lamsdorff notified M. Kurino, of the des-

patch of the Russian reply. On Feb. 5, Viceroy Alexieff notified the foreign office of Baron de Rosen's receipt of the reply. JAPAN ACCUSED OF DUPLICITY

On Feb. 6, at 4 p. m., M. Kurino quite unexpectedly handed Count Lamsdorff two notes, notifying him of of Kentucky is the the rupture of the negotiations and of Life.-Judge. the diplomatic repations, and adding that he. M. Kurino, and his staff would leave St. Petersburg Feb. 10.

These notes were accompanied by private letter from M. Kurino to Count Lamsdorff, expressing the hope that the rupture of relations would be confined to the shortest possible time. On the same day Viceroy Alexieff, Baron deRosen and all the Russian representatives at Pekin, Tokio and the capitals of the great powers were informed by urgent telegrams of the rupture arelations and of the issue of an imperial order withdrawing the Russian legation from Tokio, and laying on Japan the responsibility for all consequences ensuing. The communication con

cludes: "Although the breaking off of diplo matic relations by no means implied the opening of hostilities, the Japanese government as early as the night of Feb. 8, and during Feb. 9 and Feb. 10 committed a whole series of revolting attacks on Russian warships and merchantmen, attended by violations of International law. The decree of the Emperor of Japan declaring war was not issued until Feb. 11.'

DISASTER TO RUSSIAN TROOPS ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.-With reference to the sensational stories of disaster to Russian troops at Lake Baikal, (one report saying that three regiments were drowned while atempting to cross the ice covered lake), it is explained that the trans-Baike line was blocked at the Baikal station during the night of Feb. 18 by an avalanche of snow which fell from a neighboring mountain. A train having troops on board dashed into the ob-

truction, the locomotive was derailed One soldier was killed, five were severely injured, and fourteen were slightly hurt. Traffic was said to be reimed the following day,

Further advices from Port Arthur to-day say that all the women and chil-dren and most of the male civilians LOSS TO JAPAN. have left that place and that practically only the garrison remains.

RUSSIAN PATRIOTISM. The wave of patriotism sweeping over ial feeling, even the wild tribes of the

Caucasus, the discontented Finns and sullen Poles forgetting their griev-ances and coming forward to volunteer their services to the common father-An instance of devotion among the Czar's Hebrew subjects is afforded by the act of 45 Jewish doctors in throw-

ing up their practices to go to the front. Before leaving they attended a service held in a synagogue here. Rabbi Drabkin mad a fervid address to a large congregation, which included Baron Ginzburg and other Jewish notables. He said: "Our fatherland is passing through a

lifficult epoch. The moment has come when you, my brothers, must show the whole world that you are not unworthy sons of your country, and that although standing apart before the alter of religion, you are united with other citizens before the altar of patriotism and are ready with all the Czar's faithful lieges to sacrifice yourselves for the fatherland. "Remember that Russia is strong,

not only in arms, but in God's bless-

CHICAGO, Feb. 20. - "Russia will ook upon the present attitude of the United States toward her as a visitation of divine justice because she did not heed the appeals from the Boers for help during their struggle against Great Britain," said Baron Ugene de Fersen, a Russian nobleman, cousin of

Baron A. A. Slippenbach, Russian consul at Chicago, who is now here on a visit. "Time and again," continued the baron, "did President Kruger appeal to Russia for sympathy and help against England, and as often did the Russian government refuse to aid the Boers in the conquest of the Philippines by the United States no note of protest was heard from Russia. But when Russia peacefully occupied Manchuria. pouring millions of roubles into the development of the country and its great resources. does the United States hold aloof from our affairs? No. There is developed in the United States a great

tegrity of China, and protest is made to Russia. "It is most incomprehensible to us should so turn upon us."

DON'T LET YOUR WIFE THRASH YOU.

Chicago Judge Advises Husbands to Lake Manitoba, from St John, N B. Employ "Corrective Sternness."

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 1.—"I have no N B. patience with a man who lets his wife thrash him," Judge Tuley said today after listening to the complaints of Frederick A. Jahnke, petitioner for a divorce from Anna M. Jahnke on the grounds of "extreme and repeated cruelty.'

"It is the duty of the husband to make the wife obey," the Judge declared. "He should exercise a corrective sternness where necessary, and show that he is naster of the house. It is not necessarv to beat her to accomplish this. Take hold of her sharply, make plain the fact that she is exceeding her wifey obligations, and impress upon her he fact that the man is the ruler of the ome to an extent that precludes any

right of violence from her." Jahnke was married in 1899, and beore leaving his wife in 1903 declares that he went through many trying experiences. He was frequently beaten with a shoe. At the breakfast table he was forced to keep an eve on his wife to be able to dodge dishes and other missies.

Judge Tuley was not satisfied with he complaints, and refused to grant a decree until he was convinced by later evidence that the man was not physically capable of assuming the management of Mrs. Jahnke.

AT THE MINSTRELS. "Mistah Jinglesnapper." said Mistah Johnsing, "I has er 'c'nund'um fo yo' "Yo' has? Den, suh, tell me what

hit is." "What am de diffunce ertween drop curtain an' a actoh? an' de actoh gits a role."

"No suh: no suh!" "Den what is de diffunce?" "De actah in his time plays many pahts an' de curtain in its time pahts many plays."

At this juncture J. Roozlety Flopper, the eminent contra tenor arose and sang his lovely ballad. The Moonshine Sunshine of My

BIRTHS.

FREEZE-On Thursday, February 18th, to the wife of Charles M. Freeze, a daughter.

DEATHS.

CARR-At Richmond, Car. Co., on Feb. 1st 1904, John Carr, aged 72 years, leaving widow, seven sons and one daughter to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate

husband and father. CUNNINGHAM .- At Skiff Lake, York Co., Feb. 19th, of old age, James Cunningham, aged 91 years, leaving a widow, four sons and five daughters, to mourn their less. EDGETT-On Feb. 18th, after a short illness, Wallace Havelock, youngest son of J. Edgar and Ada M. Edgett, in the thirteenth year of his age. GARDNER.-At his residence, 104 Carman

then street, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Samuel Gardner, aged ninety years. HAMILTON.-At Rexton, Kent Co., N. B., on Feb. 19th, after a short illness, Bessie Shaw, daughter of Rev. Wm. Hamilton.

aged 16 years. ARKIN.-At St. John West, Feb. 19th, John LARKIN.—At St. John West, Feb. 19th, John Larkin, of paralysis, in the 74th years of his age, leaving a wife, two sons and three daughters to mourn his loss.

LATTIMER.—In this city on Feb. 19th, after a lingering illness, Debordh, wife of Wm Lattimer, in the 34th year of her age, leaving a husband and three children, father, mother, two brothers and five sisters to mourn their loss.

McQUADE—At his late residence, 22 Rock street, Sunday morning, Feb. 21st, James McQuade, aged 28 years.

McQuade, aged 28 years. SIMPSON-At New York, Feb. 18th, Mary,

Consequences and appropriate the second seco

wife of Captain Wm. Simpson, and daughter of George Marsh of this city, leaving a husband and two children.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived.

Feb 19—Str Westport III, Powell, from Westport, gen cargo and pass. Coastwise—Sch Annie Hasper, 92, Wilson rom St Martins. Feb. 20.—Coastwise—Sch Effort, 63, Milner Feb. 21.—Str Senlac, from Halifax via N ports, mase and pass. Feb. 22.—Coastwise—Sch Thelma, Cleared.

Feb 19-Ship Astracana, Griffiths, for Mel boufne, Australia.
Feb. 20.—Str Lake Champlain, Stewart, for Liverpool.
Str Montrose, Evans, for London via Hali-Coastwise—Str Westport III, Powell, for Sandy Côve; soh R Carson, Pritchard, for St Martine. Feb. 22.—Coastwise—Str Senlac, Penney,

Sailed. Feb 19-Str Florence, Williams, for Londo ris Sydney. Str Manchester Commerce, Feb. 20.—Ship Astracana, for Melbourne Australia.

Feb. 22.—Str Lake Champlain, Stewart, for Liverpool.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

Arrived. HALIFAX, Feb. 18.—Ard, strs Pallanza rom Hamburg via St Michaels; Lakonia, rom St John. At Halifax, Feb 19, str Manchester City, orrest, from Manchester. HALFAK, Feb 19-Ard, str Manchester

City, from Manchester (and cleared for St Sld, str Pallanza, Schaarmberg, for HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 20.—Ard, strs Flor nce, from London via St John; Damara from Liverpool via St Johns, N F.

Sailed, str Manchester City, Forest, for Cleared, str Dahome, for Bermuda, West ndies and Demerara. Cleared.

Cleared, str Pouyer Quertier (cable), for Sailed.

Sailed, strs St John City, Bovey, for Lon-

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived. QUEENSTOWN, Feb 19-Sid, str Cretic from Liverpool), for Boston. LIVERPOOL, Feb 19-Ard, str rom New York via Halifax. PRAWLE POINT, Feb 19-Passed, str Huna, from Portland for London. MOVILLE, Feb 19-Sld. str Bavarian, from Liverpool for Halifax and St John.

BROW HEAD, Feb 19-Passed; str Lak

Manitoba, from St John for Liverpool. interest in the preservation of the in-KINSALE, Feb 19-Passed, str Turcoman rom Portland, Me, for Liverpool and Bris-man, for St John, N B.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 19.-Sld. str Empress of India, for Vancouver. LIVERPOOL, Feb. 20.-Ard, strs Turcoman, from Portland, Me, for Bristol; 21st, Sailed 20th, str Manchester Trader (from Manchester), for Halifax, N S, and St John.

York, from New York. LIVERPOOL, Feb. 21.-Ard, strs Sylvania, from Boston; Umbria, from New York. QUEENSTOWN Feb 21 -Sld str Etruria (from Liverpool), for New York. At Port Elizabeth, Feb 18, bark Charles E Lefurgey, Olsen, from Barry via St Vincent, At Barbados, Feb 9, bark Robert S Bes-

hard, Andrews, pard, Andrews, from Rio Janeiro; str Orin-oco, Bale, from Halifax, etc, and sailed for Demerara. Sailed. ISLE OF WIGHT, Feb. 18 .- Passed, str

Lake Michigan, from St John, N B, and Halifax. N S. for London. QUEENSTOWN, Feb, 18 .- Sld, str Majes tic (from Liverpool), for New York. From Barbados, Feb 6, sch Arctic, Anderon, for St Vincent (with oil and shingles ex sch Alert, from New York for Africa) From Glasgow, Feb 19, str Indrani, Gillies or Newport News.
From Barry, Feb 17, str London City, Donerty, for Boston. herty, for Boston.

From Kingston, Ja, Feb 22, str Mantinea,
Pye, for Manzanillo and north Hatteras.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived. EASTPORT, Me., Feb. 18 .- Ard, fishing schr W H Moody BOSTON, Feb. 18 .- Ard, str Boston, from

Yarmouth, NS; schs Niger, from Boothbay laska, from do. VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Feb. 18 .- Ard, sch Beaver, from New London for Halifax.

At Lagos, Jan 27, sch Laura, Inness, from New York. At Buenos Ayres, Jan 28, ship Brynhiida, Meikle, from Boston. At St Thomas, Feb 10, bark Peerless Byrnes, from Grenada. rop curtain an' a actoh?"

At Pernambuco, Feb 4, sch Amanda, Fitz"Basy, simple! De curtain gits a roll gerald, from St Johns, NF. BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me, Feb 19-Ard, U S revenue cutters Woodbury and Seminole, breaking up ice in the harbor; sch Hattie

from Parrsbore, NS. BOSTON, Feb 19-Ard, str Harlaw, from Halifax, NS. Sld, strs Fitzclarence, for Antwerp via Baltimore; Boston, for Yarmouth, NS. NEW YORK, Feb 19-Ard, schs Lavinia M

Snow, from Macoris, etc; Childe Harold, from Jacksonville. VINEYARD HAVEN, Feb 19-In port, schs Annie Bliss, from Elizabethport for Belfast; Eugene Borda, from do for Rockland; A P Emerson, from Providence for St John Clara Jane, from New York for Calais; William Marshall, from St John for Washington: Scotia Queen, from River Herbert, NS

for New York; Beaver, from New York for Halifax, NS. At Charleston, Feb 18, str Capac, Rose At Mobile, Feb 18, sch Florence R Hewson, Dionne, from Barbados.

At Havama, Feb 10, sch Basutoland, Roper, from Port Tampa. rom Port Tampa. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Ard, str Nemea, from Tampico.

Sailed, Feb 20th, str Tanagra, for Nor-NEW YORK, Feb. 20 .- Sld, sch Golden Rule, for Yarmouth, N S. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.-Ard, str Palanza from Hamburg via St Michaels and Halifax. BATH, Me., Feb. 20 .- Sid, schs Donzella, for Liverpool, N S; Pleasantville, for do. GULFPORT, Feb. 19 .- Ard, bark Hornet, Churchill, from Havana.

aska, from New York. BOSTON, Feb. 20.-Sld, str Harlaw, Halifax, N S. BOSTON, Feb. 21.-Ard, strs Ultonia, from Liverpool; Lancastrian, from London; Boston, from Yarmouth, N S.

EASTPORT, Me., Feb. 21 .- Ard, sch Al-

Sailed, str Mystic, for Louisburg, C B. PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 21.-Ard, str Cape reton, from Louisburg, C B. VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Feb. 21.-Ard, sch Marjorie J Sumner, from Norfolk for Halifax, N S. Sailed, str Lancaster (from Philadelphia),

for Bath, towing barge Thomaston for Lynn. At New York, Feb 20, brgt Dixon Rice, At Antwerp, Feb 18, str English King, Saunders, from Baittmore.

Cleared

At Jacksonville, Feb 17, brig Alice, Inmess, for San, Domingo CN7.
At Havana, Feb 11, sch Leonard Parker,
Knowlton, for Gloegtown.
At Pensacola, Fla, Feb 18, str Manchester
Spinner, Mann, for Port Inglis. Sailed.

ST. MICHAELS, Feb. 18.—Sld, str Pallanz Hamburg, for Halifax. Sailed, str Cymric, for Liverpool. From Singapore, Feb 19, str Eretria, Mulcahey, from New York for Hong Kong.
From New York, Feb 20, str Tanagra, Kesce, for Nortolk, Va, and Rotterdam.
From Algiers, Feb 21, str Himera, Lockhart, from Japan and China for New York.

Ship Scottish Hills, Robbins, from Hamurg for Honolulu, Jan 23, lat 15 S, lon 36 W. MEMORANDA. Anchored in Vineyard Sound, Feb 19, schs Marjorie J Summer, from Norfolk for Hall-fax; Paul Palmer, Rebecta Palmer, Clara A Donnelly, Gardiner G. Deering and one four

SPOKEN.

In port at Buenos Ayres, Feb 1, bark Ladymith, Wadman, from Weymouth, NS, ar-lyed Jan 25, for New York. In port at Buence Ayres, Jan 10, bark Cal-houn, for a port between New York and Boston. VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Feb. 21—Ship-

ping which had been almost at a standstill or several days on account of the extensive ice fields, once more began to move today, when the large fleet of tugs, aided by the warm, southerly breeze, released their tows, and proceeded north over the shoals. Much of the ice in the outer harbor which has been broken by the tugs, has drifted into Vineyard Sound, where several vessels are still frozen in solid, and when the ice in the inner harbor begins to move it will be a serious menace to the improsoned craft. Passed Perim, Feb 18, str Queen Olga, Cheplin, from Calcutta for Philadelphia. Passed down at Marous Hook, Pa, Feb 19, str Aureole, from Philadelphia for South-

REPORTS. CITY ISLAND, Feb 17-Bound east-The following before reported anchored here icebound still remain: Schs Keewaydin, from Port Johnson for St John; Maggie Todd, from

South Amboy for Eastport; Sarah C Smith, from Port Johnson for Portland. VINEYARD HAVEN, Feb 17-Sch Henry Miller, Capt Watts, from Brunswick for Boston with a cargo of yellow pine lumber, arrived here last night so badly covered with ce that it was necessary to cut the halyards in order to get sails down. She will probably tow to her destination.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. SCITUATE, Mass., Feb. 16.—The light at he entrance to the harbor collapsed at 4 p. n. It was erected in 1891, and was a red

Portland, Me., Feb. 18, 1904.

From West Quoddy Head to Portland Head (Outside passage.) Notice is hereby given that Sail Rock rhistling buoy, reported Feb. 5 as dragged whistling buoy, reported Feb. 5 as dragged about one mile to the westward of its proper position, was replaced Feb. 15.

MACHIAS, Feb. 18.—Machias Bay is frozen MACHIAS, Feb. 18.—Machias Day is farther out to sea than at any time since 1838. The ice extends to Round Island. The buoy on Round Island Flats has been aced by the ice, carried a mile in a nwesterly direction and dropped in the asage between Round Island and Salt Is-WOODS HOLL, Mass., Feb. 18.— Captain Wadsworth, of revenue cutter Algonquin, reports that the Cross Rip lightship has been

> THE DESTROYER. Edward Sydney Tylee.

carried one-fifth of a mile NNW16W from her

A dwarfish thing of steel and fire: A dwarnsh using of steel and fire;
My iron nerves obey
The bidding of my crafty sire,
Who drew me out of clay,
And sent me forth, on paths untrod,
To slay his puny clan;
A slave of hell, a scourge of God,
For I was made by Man.

When foul fog curtains droop and meet Athwart an oily sea;
My rhythmic pulse begins to beat;
'Tis hunting time for me.
A breathing swell is hardly seen, To stir the emereld dee As though that ocean jungle green I. velvet-footed, creep

And lo! my prey, a palace reared Above an arsenal. Above an arsenal,
By lightning's viewless finger steered,
Comes on majestical.
The mists before her brows dispart;
And 'neath that Traitor's Gate
The royal vessel, high of heart,
Sweeps queenlike to her fate.

Too confident of strength to heed menacing faint sound, As from their leash, like bloodhound The snub torpedoes bound: She does not note them quartering wide, Nor guess what lip is this Where tossed on turbid waters lies Its biting Judas kiss.

Till with a roar that frights the stars, Till with a roar man frights the stars,
Her cracking timbers rend,
And lurid smoke and flaming spars
In one red storm ascend;
Whose booming thunder drowns the cries
Of myriad souls in pain; That press on her stately side My quarry, torn in twain.

ABOUT RUSSIA.

Marriage does indeed become a lottery in the Russian province of Smoonsk. Every three months there is a most extraordinary lottery drawing. The tickets cost about fifty cents and there is only one prize. This consists of the entire sum made by the sale of the tickets, amounting to about \$2,500,

ogether with a lady described as of noble birth. The tickets are only sold to men, and the winner of the prize has to take the lady or forego the money. If married already he may, however, put any friend to whom he wishes to do a good urn in the position of prize winner. It may happen that the winner of but that he does not meet with her ap- know more by and by," were his reproval. In that case they are permit-

ted to remain in single blessedness and to divide the money. It is not difficult to imagine that even in Russia, where old maids are generally looked down upon, the chosen bride may often decide that the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds is a nore desirable possession than a lord and master of whom she knows nothing.

KING EDWARD HURT. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.-While King Edward was inspecting the cruiser Cumberland here yesterday, says a cable to the Sun, from Portsmouth, he slipped on a water tight door and fell, slightly injuring his leg. When he subsequently went to the naval bar- Tehatchipi station. The oil tank exracks, a gymnasium chair was provided to enable him to preside at a dinner

RAIN AND FLOODS.

Storm of Monday—Heavy Rain Fall With Corresponding

III Results.

a high wind blew the rain into their faces. At noon yesterday a velocity of 33 miles per hour was shown, the direction being from the southwest. The streets were probably never in a worse condition, cataracts pouring down many of the sidewalks, forcing people into the streets, where they had to wade in a soft slush. In the evening this state, if anything, grew worse, many of the crossings being whirling streams of cold and muddy water; in some places, as at the head of Carleton street, the water lay several inches deep.

The damp seriously affected the lighting power, several streets being in total darkness, and the hapless traveller kept plunging knee deep into m. It was erected in 1891, and was a red light on a tall fron mast in solid rock, extending out to the North Dreakers.

CHATHAM, Feb. 16.—The relief lightship has been placed on Pollock Rip station and Pollock Rip lightship was towed west today by tender Azaleā.

The spar from which is suspended the lantern marking the entrance to Scituate Harbor, Mass, was yesterday carried away by the sea and ice. As soon as the spar can be replaced the light will again be exhibited.

SANDY HOOK, Feb 17.—A black can buoy, marked C, has been dragged about by the ice and is now anothered of the Hook in the channel. ice cold puddles. Storm and cold have

thing points to a fine day, but the streets will no doubt be very slippery No damage has yet been reported do not fear any washouts, unless the thaw continues. Both roads agree that the rain is a blessing in that it is packing the snow and thus doing away with the continual trouble-caused by the snow drifting back on the track after having been thrown out.

was occupied by the Earle Publishing Co., and the other portion as a feed store. The building was badly flooded.

There is something pathetic in James Lowther's announcement of his early retirement from parliament says The London Chronicle. He was for many years, until reinforced by Sir Howard Vincent, the only avowed protectionist in the house of commons, but very few paid any serious attention to his arguments in those lonely times. And now, when the protectionist banner has been boldly unfurled in Birmingham, and the question made a fighting party issue, he is out of the fray. Mr. Lowther first entered the house of commons as far back as 1865, but he has had many electoral vicissitudes. In 1878 Disraeli sent him to Ireland as chief secretary, an appointment that created considerable astonishment at the time. and is still one of the unsolved political mysteries. He is fond of referring in his speeches to "Mr. Disraeli" - he never says Lord Beaconsfield - quoting from memory illustrative extracts from that great man's letters to him. and ingeniously suggesting that the future authorized biographer of "Dizzy" will find a gold mine of material in his Lowther correspondence.

(London Punch. o much like war that they are often taken for each other. It is almost impossible to overestimate the gravity of the situation. But I am doing my best.

A high official, who stands close to the Czar, and does not wish to stand any closer, made a significant observthe lottery is willing to marry the lady ation to me this evening. "We shall markable words. They are being widely quoted.

> column of good, newsy matter for the "Halfpenny Headline." Despatches from Rio de Janeiro saying that the Czar and the Emperor of Japan are planning an Arctic voyage together are to be received with cau-

> oil burning locomotive attached to a west-bound limited train on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, caught fire today while standing at

The City Deluged---Some Streets Impassable.

Considerable Damage by the Gale and

From six o'clock Monday morning intil late in the evening St. John was deluged with rain. At noon the official gauge at the observatory showed a rainfall of half an inch, and by eight o'clock last night this had increased to one decimal two. Anyone who was on the streets yesterday will need no figures to convince him that vesterday was most disagreeably wet. The temperature on Sunday morning was four above. During the day the veather rapidly moderated, and early in the evening registered 33 above. During yesterday the thermemeter re nained above the freezing point, going as high as 40. This is the first time this month that the thermometer has got above the freezing line.

To add to the misery of pedestrians

About one o'clock yesterday a large section of the staging and board front erected on the new O'Regan warehouse was blown down, and fell with a crash cross the street. In its fall the lumber carried away all the wires on the street, and broke one of the poles. The street railway trolley wire was broken and traffic suspended for some hours. The street was finally cleared about three o'clock. The roof of the old Salvation Army barracks on Mill street fell in at noon and the occupants of the building sustained considerable loss from water. Part of the building

MEN OF THE DAY.

SIDELIGHTS FROM THE FRONT.

The situation looks like war. It looks

There is no news today. But by rewriting my despatches of yesterday. taking care to transpose the words Tokio and St. Petersburg you will have

tion.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 22.-An ploded, wrecking the locomotive and burning a buffet car and the station. The loss is \$50.000. No one was hurt, joints limber and muscles in trim.

900 Drops For Infants and Children The Kind You Have Always Bought Avegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of Bears the INIANIS CHILDREN Signature Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest Contains neither prum, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC. Recipe of OUR DI-SAMUELPITCHER Pumplin Seed -Alx. Service -Rochelle Salts -

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Court.

—The Alaska Boundary. OTTAWA, Feb. 22.-In the supreme

—A Big Telescope on a Farm

Casey and were incomplete at the hour of adjournment. R. N. Venning, assistant inspector of fisheries, leaves for England tomorrow via New York in company with H. A. Little, one of the commissioners appointed to determine the amount which shall be paid by the Russian government for the seizure of Canadian sealing vessels in Behring Sea some ten

or twelve years ago. Sir Wm. Mulock is now on his way home to Ottawa from Mexico in his private car. He is expected in Ottawa at the end of the week.

Hon. A. G. Blair, the chief railway commissioner left for St. John today. By September next the largest 15.2 nch lens telescope will be mounted at the dominion observatory at the central experimental farm. The building is now practically completed except a great dome, which will be constructed of steel, with a metallic covering. W. F. King, chief astronomer, leaves for Washington in a few days to confer with Titman, superintendent of the coast and geodetic survey of the Unitd States in regard to the delimitation

bunal. It was learned today that the negoiations which have been in progress or some time for the sale of the Russell House are about completed and the deal is likely to be closed.

of the Alaskan boundary according to

the decision of the international tri-

Commercial Agent Jackson reports to the department of trade and commerce upon the prospects for increasing Canadian trade with the city and district of Hull, England, the chief drawback at present is lack of direct steamship ommunication with Canadian ports. He says if such a line were estabished Canadian food products would argely supplant importations from the United States of such articles as grain, timber, flour, butter, cheese and fruits. In the north of England about \$10,-000,000 is annually spent in purchasing of pit props and mining timber, and he recommends Canadian lumbermen to endeavor to capture this business. Hon. Mr. Scott. secretary of state. received a cable this morning from Jurdan, the British minister resident

at Seoul, Korea, stating that Rev. R. Macrae and Mrs. Macrae and Miss K. McMillan, who were at Hamheung, had arrived at Wonsan, and that Rev. A. F. Robb and family hoped shortly to reach Wonsan from Song Chin. In the police court this morning two Chinamen were sentenced to three months in jail at hard labor on a charge of keeping a gambling joint, while ten players or onlookers were each fined \$20 and costs, or two

months in jail. A NICE LIGHT BUSINESS.

"Oh, yes, I've opened an office," said he young lawyer. "You may remember that you saw me buying an alarm clock the other day." "Yes," replied his friend. "You have preference of 30 per cent. of the custo get up early these mornings, eh?" "Oh. no. I use it to wake me up when it's time to go home."

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NEW YORK, Feb, 22.-Two men were lest by the str. York Castle, court today judgments were resumed which arrived today from Delagoa in the appeal of Travers v. Bishop Bay, in an attempt to give aid on Feb. 21 to the Bangor, Maine, son. Wille La Newton about 200 miles southeast by south of Sandy Hook. The Newton was lumber laden from Brunswick Ga., for New York, and lost her rude derhead. The York Castle stood by the schooner from 2 o'clock till 8 o'clock in the morning, during which time the schooner displayed signals, Her boats were intact, but they failed to launch one to aid them's ally the York Castle tried to launch a lifeboat in charge of Chief Officer Alexander Turner with four men. The falls became tammed and as the shirt was rolling violently the five men were thrown into the sea. After considerable difficulty three of the men were rescued. The other two were lost. The two men lost were Chief Officer Turner and Carpenter Gray. Both belonged to Sunderland, England, Seeing that the schooner made no effort to launch her boats the York Castle proceeded.

The British str. Micmac, which ard rived today from Huelva, brought into port seven shipwrecked seamen, the captain and crew of the soh. Willie L Newton, which they abandoned at sea in lat. 37.30, lon. 72.08. The Micmad sighted the distressed schooner four hours after the str. York Castle abandoned the attempt to rescue the crew of the wrecked vessel. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Feb. 21st the first of ficer of the Micmac and five seamen launched a lifeboat and after considerable difficulty succeeded in transferring all hands from the wreck. Capt. Norwood of the Newton said the vessel had heavy southwest gales with a huge cross sea, which tossed schooner so violently that the rudderhead was twisted off. The schooner fell off in the trough of the sea, the waves breaking over her. She strained so violently that the crew were unable to keep the water from the vessel's hold. The leaks gained so rapidly that the vessel became waterlogged

and unmanageable. The Willie L. Newton sailed from Brunswick, Ga., on Feb. 14 with a full cargo of lumber, bound for New York. She was built at Bangor, Me., her home port, in 1881. Her net tonnage was 326.

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VENEZUELAN AWARD.

Claims of Great Britain, Germany and

Italy Confirmed by the Hague Tribunal. THE HAGUE, Feb. 22 .- The arbitration tribunal which has been considering the claims of the blockading powers for preferential treatment of their claims against Venezuela has decided unanimously that the three blockading powers, Great Britain, Germany and Italy, have the right to a toms duties at Laguayra and Puerto Cabello, the litigants to pay their own costs in the procedure, and divide equally the costs of the tribunal. The United States is commissioned to carry

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