Two Parties Will Leave Ottawa Next Week For the Alaskan

Good Progress Being Made on the Transcontinental

Imperial Authorities Have Decline to Issue Medals to Certain Corps.

and Washington.

Good progress on the transcontinental railway bill was made today. Five clauses were passed.

In the House today Mr. Hyman told Aulay Morrison that no steps are being taken at present to experiment in the propagation of lobsters in the waters of Brush Columbia. The parent lobsters planted in the Pacific had done fairly well, although no systematic attempt had been made to catch them.

Sir F. Borden told Mr. Hughes that the imperial authorities had refused medals to the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Cauadian Mounted Rifles, and also the IKing's medal to those of the 2nd Rifles, who served twice in South Africa.

Loss Will Probably Amount to Three Quarters of a

Resume.

Special to the Colonist.

Fernie, B. C., April 30.—Yesterday's fire swept out of existence almost the entire business district of the town. As already stated, it started about 3 a.m. in Richards & Co.'s store, at the worth end of Victoria avenue, on the west side, and burned every business buildings, including the Muskoka botel, down to the Salvation Army barracks, on the east side of Victoria avenue. Every building on the east side of the block opposite the coal company's office was destroyed, and every building in the block north, excepting the Salvation Army barracks and a small photograph gaiery at the northwest corner of the block. The only business buildings now remaining in the town are the one-storey building occupied by the Free Press, and Rigor's tobacco store and McDougil's shoe shot, further north in the next block.

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A further change in the wind for a few minutes enabled the parties engaged in fighting the names to save the Northern notel, between which and the Outhbert building there was an open space ern notel, between which and the Cuthbert building there was an open space of sixty feet. The Central hotel, waich marks the southern extremity of the burned district, was saved by the use of a 2 1-2 rubber hose, which was attacked to a hydrant immediately in front of the building. This had no nozzle attached, and consequently the tax on the four-inch main was very exhaustive. It was evident from the start that the business portion of the town was doomed to destruction, and many people confined their efforts to an endeavor to save as much of their stock as possible, though this saving is much smaller than might be expected owing to the rapidity with which the flames spread.

Fortunately a light rain was falling special Cable To The London in the contract of the contract o

General Admiration For Japs in mize Battle.

Russians Apparently Forgot a Similar Success of Enemy During Last War.

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SCENE OF SUNDAY'S BATTLE.

Merchants Show Falth in Their The pro-Russian element here insists that the Russians did not attach very much importance to the maintenance of

Chicago, May 2.—Three strikes and lockouts became effective here today, and in consequence 6,100 wage earners are idle, picture frame makers were locked out. Nine baking concerns were tied up by a strike of 400 men, the firms refusing to grant "close shops."

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General Kuroki Crosses the Yalu and Drives Kuropatkin Out of Entrenchments at the

Certain Corps.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, May 2.—W. F. King, Canadian parties of the service of the s

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Chinese troops, informing him that the occasion may arise for Russia to increase her forces in Simmitung, Chengyang and other places, and requesting him to withdraw the Chinese military and police. An abswer, the correspondent says, is required within three days.

GRIEVES EMPEROR

AGAIN BREAK OUT proposed of the street of th

General Staff Outlines Fight

Indianapolis, Ind., May 2.-It was r

CONSUL WILL PROCEED.

Shaughai, May 2.—As a result of the occupation of Antung by the Japanese occupation of Antung by the Japanese United States Consul Davidson, who has been assigned to Antung will probably proceed to his post immediately. Mr. Davidson has been granted an exequator by the Chinese government, but the Russians having occupied and fortified Antung, he thought it inadvisable for him to proceed there. The Japanese authorities have indicated they have no objection to Mr. Davidson's going to Antung at once.

COLORADO BLIZZARDS.

Estimated That the Japanese Force Was One Hundred Thousand Men.

Large Number of Guns Brought Against Them Overpowered

Retreat Will Be Continued But

Colorado Belizzards.

Cripple Creek, Colo, May 2.—A storm which began on Sunday today developed into a blizzard. By noon there were two feet of snow in the streets of Cripple Creek and four feet in the bills. Enectric and steam rands are blocked and business is generally suspended.

The colorado Springes, Colo, May 2.—Ecolorado Springes, Colo, May 2.—Is the standard of the mountain on the streets of thousands of dollars and delaying traffic in several places. Manifou is cut off from rail connection.

Florence, Colo, May 2.—A cloud burst in the Greenhorn range, eight miles south of Florence, today caused the Arkansas river to rise between six and interfect here in less than an hour. The macypected cush of water caused greest damage. One bridge across the river has gone and the Santa and Florence and Cripple Creek railroad bridges are in imminent danger. The Santa fis beliefs are under water and traffic is belief and cripple Creek railroad bridges are in miniment danger. The Santa fis beliefs are under water and traffic is belief and cripple Creek railroad bridges are in miniment danger. The Santa for the twinting of the tributary is the wilding of the twinting of the twinting of the twinting of the color of

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As an indication of General Kuropatkin's anxiety concerning the whereabouts of the Japanese second army, the Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent says that all the Russian troops statioued in Changhu, Fuchar, Haicheng, Kaiping and other places, have been despatched along the sea coast to watch for a Japanese landing.

According to the Shanghaikwan correspondent of the Daily Telegram, evidence is accumulating that China's neutrality is tottering. The Tantar generals in Kirin and Fengtien, the correspondent to adopt a strong policy against Russian aggression west of the Laio aiver. It is alteged that Viceroy Yuan Shai Kai is secretly making war preparations and everything, in the opinion of the correspondent, points toward China making a military demonstration against either beligerent fighting west of the Liao river.

A special despatch from Port Arthur says that about 100 Chinese junks were observed on the horizon yesterday between the month of the Yalu and the Laiotung peninsula.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE. Murderer Appeals to Secure His Own

Baron Hayashi On the Situation

Interview With Japanese Minis ter in London Reviewing the Struggle.

Poor Harvest in Manchuria Will Render Russia's Position Desperate.

London, May 3.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, said to the As-sociated Press today: "The immediate result of General Kuroki's success will

are coming from the United States, and as soon as they arrive we will have a strong and rapid line of communication through all Korea, which almost touches our own mainland, and we will not be dikely to suffer from want of supplies or reinforcements.

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"As regards Port Arthur and Vladivostock, the situation is somewhat different. I cannot say anything about the amovements of armies that have been mobilized, but there is no doubt that the Liaotung peninsula will, if only success attend our land forces, be cut off from supplies. Neither Port Arthur nor Vladivostock can be taken from the sea front, but I think you will find Port Arthur either taken by our land forces or starved out by September. The Chinese are smuggling provisions into Port Arthur now from Chefoo, but only to an immaterial extent, and that

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"Vice-Admiral Togo will doubtless remain on watch outside Port Arthur. By September, when the hurricane season comes, he should be able to safely house his fleet in a Japanese port. No fleet, Russian or Japanese, could be particularly effective then. I scarcely whink Russia will send her Baltic fleet to face our autumn hurricanes."

Referring to the long period which elapsed between the declaration of war and the land fighting, Mr. Hayashi said: "The waiting which taxed the patience of the rest of the world, has heen a busy and exciting time with us. Our troops have been continually marching and working in anticipation of striking the blow which would initiate the campaign up to date is Vice-Admiral Kamimura's misfortune in missing the Vladivostock fleet. It seems from here that it was a pity the vice-admiral didnot stay outside that port instead of trying to find the Russian in the open sea."

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY. THERAPION