JAPANESE REPLY TO THE EMPEROR

THERE MAY BE NO LIMIT TO ADVANCE

Opposition to the Move on Harbin is Disappearing-Little Known of Russian Retreat.

Tokio, March 18, 8 p.m.—Beyond the general retreat of the Russians along the railway northward, little is known here of the details of the past three days'

Reports of additional Russian prison ers captured are in circulation. The estimate is 20,000. It is impossible to con-

firm the reports. There is much speculation over the extent of the Russians retirement. Harbin (25 miles northeast of Mukden) was is regarded as a logical base, but it is burned by Chinese bandits." suggested that they may attempt to hold the Kirin line. The country between Kiayuan and Sungari is inhospitable. Formerly the conservative element in

the high councils of the Japanese favored setting a limit to the Manchurian advance. It opposes advancing to Harbin, but the results of the victory at Mukden are removing opposition and the favors pressing advantages and carrying the war to the utmost limits poss

RETREATING RUSSIANS HARASSED BY JAPS.

St. Petersburg, March 18, 2.10 p.m,-Telegraphic communication with the re-treating Russian army has been cut for over 24 hours, but the authorities hope it is only temporary, stating that they have no information that the Japanese have reached the railroad in Gen. Line-

vitch's rear.

the direct forebodings. Associated Press Russian correspondents, the only correspondent with the retiring army, presaging an attack from the shal yama will be able to continue purat 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, was and if this opinion proves to be founded saying that the army was retreating in good order and destroying the railroad as it went, but was constantly pressed by the Japanese, the rearguard action

There were ominous words in the con cluding sentence, as follows: "We be-lieve the Japanese are making a wide turning movement north of us, and that they are ready to fall upon us when we get out of the ring-like group of mountains which surrounds the Tie pass

gorge."
In the long retreat, the Russians only have the advantage on the Mandarin road so far as Kaiyun, whence it bears eastward to Kirin, while the railway con-

According to the general staff, however, a good road runs parallel to the railroad. But were an army of a quarrespondent expresses the belief that they ter million men, encumbered with im- will not exceed 80,000 all told. The ful lessly pursuing and operating on its to Tie pass also remains to be told.

flanks and the constant tread of the Later reports received confirm flanks and the constant tread of the enemy closing the line of retreat, it is first statement that the bulk of the armies retired in good order, the momentary wagon road offers poor prospects of Gen. panics affecting only the soldiers who Linevitch being able to bring off the rem- were crowded among the transports mants of the army without the tremend- charge of mixed and undisciplined driv ous sacrifice of life. If the Japanese actually succeed in throwing a strong force however, of a great amount of supplies across the line of retreat, it is recognized and many cannon, which otherwise they that the army might be forced to capitu- would have been able to bring off.

In the meantime, the mobilization of a new army has already begun in several provinces, although the order has not yet been issued. A division of the Imperial Guards at St. Petersburg received orders

kin's lack of success made his superces sion imperative. At the same time it is Mayor Osaki read a congratulatory tele recognized that Kouropatkin's failure gram to be sent to Field Marshal Oyama also rests on other shoulders and pity is on behalf of the municipality, the crowd expressed at his sad fate.

REPORT OF FIGHTING NORTH OF TIE PASS

reported that the Russian rearguard is ighting a heavy action in the vicinity of Kaivun, about 20 miles north of Tie

Harbin, March 18 .- (Noon.)-The Chinese here are in an excited state and say notification has been received that the Japanese will enter Harbin on April 10th. Many Chinese refugees are arriving from the south. They report ill-treatment by Japanese, and say that Russianspeaking Chinamen are hanged head downward and placarded, "The great Russian translator." They says also that the Japanese take all supplies gratis, and that one Japanese general, swering a request to pay at least a little for provisions, declared that the "Chinese dogs are not deserving of . other

With the many wounded who are ar riving at Harbin from the southward, are crowds of Russian inhabitants of the region evacuated and employees of the railroad.

-0--GEN. LINEVITCH

ASSUMES COMMAND

St. Petersburg, March 18 .- A telegran from General Kouropatkin to Emperor Nicholas, dated March 17th, says: "In accordance with the orders of Your Majesty, received March 13th, I handed over to General Linevitch the command of the land and naval forces operating against the Japanese." General Linevitch, in a telegram to the



and delicate fabrics are best washed with Sunlight Soap. No injury from

scrubbing or impurities.

pursuance of the orders of Your Majesty, I assumed command to-day (March 17th) of all our forces, military and naval, perating against the Japanese."

A couple of brief messages from Kouropatkin, dated March 18th, says: "The rearguard of our armies were engaged on March 17th on a ridge south ast of Tie pass, and near the village of Pelitzuan. At night the rearguard fell back to a position at the bend of the Liao river, near the village of Kamluitza, without being pressed by the enemy.

"On March 15th the town of Fakoman

"On March 16th our armies continued

AWAITING DETAILS OF RETREAT FROM TIE PASS.

St. Petersburg, March 19.-Reports re ceived in Manchuria, which were issued last night, while relieving the immediate fear of the Russian people that the Man churian army already is cut off and conbulk of opinion and the government now | firming information already received that the retirement is in full progress, throw no further light on the condition of, or the losses of the army and contain no disquieting information.

The city of Fakoman, which is well in the Russian rear, has been seized by a force given out as Chinese bandits, bu which was a Japanese column. From Fakoman one read leads to Kaiyuan, about 20 miles north of Tie pass, and the great Chinese road runs northward, paralleling the railroad and offering to a force there the alternative of striking directly to the Russian line or pushing on toward the Sungari river, along the Nevertheless, with the curtain down, highway, which is better than the road the war office naturally is the prey of over which Gen. Linevitch will have to The last word from the front was con- will need all the strategic qualities of tained in a telegram from one of the Kouropatkin to effect the withdrawal

How far or how rapidly Field Mar telegram, although dated suit remains to be seen, but the Chinese Chagton, forty miles north of Tie pass, at Harbin expect him there April 10th, sent from Kaiyun, thirty miles north of Tie pass, and reached St. Petersburg only this morning. It was very brief, pation of Mukden on March 10th, will be clined to accept three weeks as the

> The Russian government continues to declare that whatever may be the fate of Harbin and of the present eastern army, the war will continue. Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's orders to try issues with Vice-Admiral Togo have not been cancelled. Preparations for the mobilization of a new army are continuing and the finance department is busy with easures to provide necessary funds. The lapse of a full week since the be

of the retreat from Mukden finds Russia in almost complete ignor ance of details as to the effect of that reverse. The public simply knows the losses in killed, wounded and prisoners are great, and is prepared to believe menta, with an active enemy relent- story of the awful retreat from Mukder

> JAPANESE CELEBRATE VICTORY AT MUKDEN.

Tokio, March 18 .- (Evening.)-Thirty thousand persons went to Bibiya to-day to attend the exercises commemorative victory of Mukden witch's selection as temporary command-er-in-chief on the ground that Kouropat-men, many officers of the army and navy and members of the Diet were prese

> cheering its approval.
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> Lieut. Gen. Terauchi, minister of war, and Admiral Yamamato, minister of the navy, spoke on behalf of the army and Cable Company which France desires to navy respectively, thanking the people for the support they had given the gov-

ernment during the war. Sports in the afternoon and a display of fireworks to-night concluded the dem onstration.

Washington, D. C., March 20 .- The apanese legation to-day received the ollowing cablegram from Tokio: *At 4 a. m. on March 19th, our de-tachment occupied Kaiyuan, 20 miles

north of Tie Pass. "The enemy afterwards aftempted a unter-attack, but were repulsed.
"The enemy burned bridges on the main road south of Kaiyuan, and also destroyed part of a railway bridge. "A number of Russian guns found buried near Mukden."

REPORT FROM NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

St. Petersburg, March 20 .- A dispatch from Gen. Linevitch, dated March 19th, saye: commander of the second army

reports that he has had no further fight "No reports have been received from the first or third armies. "I have inspected the corps which have arrived from Russia. They are in

excellent spirits and good health.' HAS GEN. LINEVITCH DIVIDED HIS FORCES?

St. Petersburg, March 20 .- Anxiety regarding the fate of Gen. Linevitch's forces continues, the main danger to Lunenburg, and the doctors have slight Emperor, under the same date, says: "In them being the Japanese columns which hopes of his recovery.

are hurrying northward along the great rade route, 20 miles west of and parallel

with the line of retreat.

The heads of three columns were officially reported to be passing Fakoman, 30 miles northwest of Tie pass, on Friav. Their appearance doubtless hasten ed the Russian retirement, which may ow have become literally a race northward, as once the Russians are headed it would be easy for the Japanese by a hort cut to throw themselves across the ne of retreat.

After leaving Kaiyuan, Gen. Linevitch is believed to have divided his army, the main portion clinging to the railroad and the other falling back along the Man-darin road which runs to Kirin.

MINISTERS LIKELY TO CONSIDER PEACE.

New York, March 20 .- A St. Peters ourg dispatch to the Times says: "According to a statement by a high ersonage, the question of peace will robably be submitted to the council of inisters after the impending reorganization by which the council is to absorb the committee of ministers and become a sort of cabinet under a prime minister, eading peace advocate in Russia. "The Czar has begged M. Witte to

withdraw his resignation. "The announcement of the mobilization of troops in the districts of Moscow, Odessa and Warsaw is regarded by the war party as convincing proof of the government's intention to continue the struggle, but the advocates of peace declare that it may equally signify an intention to negotiate for peace. They say that if the goveernment is really preparing to receive or make overtures, i would naturally wish to produce the strongest array of armed force in order to induce the foe to give the best terms. The apparent hopelessness of the struggle is recognized in evry quarter."

PAPER ADMITS THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE.

St. Petersburg, March 20.-The Novo Vremya admits the possibility of peace. It says: "After all, the war is like all thers, it must end some time by peace Remembering how dearly we paid for negotiations preceding the war, which was largely responsible for our military and naval unpreparedness, it would be well now for our diplomacy to look ahead for peace."

THE FIGHTING NORTH OF THE PASS.

Tokio, March 18 .- A dispatch from the headquarters of the Japanese armies n the field, dated yesterday, says: "According to statements made by prisoners the force of the enemy resisting north of Tie pass. Wednesday, March "General Kouropatkin personally con manded during the battle in the

RUSSIA CAVALRY DIVISIONS DISPERSED.

borhood of Tie pass, Tuesday, March

Washington, March 18.-The Japanese legation to-day received the following cablegram from the foreign office to at "On Thursday last our detachment on

the right side of the Liao river dispers ed eight Russian cavalry squadrons which had artillery with them, and thus occupied the heights north of Tie Pass on the right side of the Liao and cannonaded the retreating enemy, which consisted of one infantry division and ten cavalry squadrons."

CASTRO WARNED.

French Government Takes Steps to Pro tect the Cable Company's Property.

Washington, D. C., March 20.--The Jimmy Britt at San Francisco. An-French cable complications have reached crisis and United States Minister Bowen has informed the state departcas, by instructions of his government. has notified the Venezuelan government that there must be no further proceedings on its part toward the caucellation of the company's franchise or with its property. Further, Mr. Bowen reports that two French warships have been ordered post haste to Venezuela to act in accordance with the instructions of the French minister. These are the Jurin de La Gravier and Dupleis.

Attitude of France. Paris, March 20.-The representations nade by the French minister at Caracas to the Venezuelan government have not t taken the form of a political protest but are in the nature of a declaration ipon the legal rights of the French

The authorities here do not wish the to prevail that French relations with Venezuela have reached an acute stage. On the contrary, it is said that the question remains clearly within the omatic limit, and no consideration has yet been given to the sending of war ships to Venezuelan waters or making other possible measures for effecting force. Any measures of such a charac ter will await the final decision of the ourt, and the failure of every diplomatic neans of adjustment.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Quebec, March 20 .- Premier Parent's resignation is definitely looked for to-morrow. His last cabinet council with his present colleagues was held this morning. It is said Hon. A. Robitaille, provincial secretary, will not be taken in the new cabinet, but will be mad registrar of Quebec. It is also rumored that the cabinet office of solicitor-genera s to be revived, and that it will go to Hon. W. A. Weir.

Winnipeg, March 20 .- Fire early this morning destroyed the Field estate block corner of Main and Market streets Moosejaw. The loss is \$8,500. The tele hone and telegraph offices and a number of small tradesmen were burned out. The Liverpool, London & Globe and Phoenix of London carried the insurance.

Senator Church Ill. Halifax, N. S., March 20.—Senator Church is dangerously ill at his home at

SECOND READING WILL BE MOVED WEDNESDAY

Sir William Mulock Outlines Scope Committee Inquiring Into Telephone Situation.

edial to the Times.) Ottawa, March 20. - Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced in the House to-day that the second reading of the Autonomy bill would be gone on with on Wednesday next. Notice of the amendment will trade in arms and slaves. who presumably will be M. Witte, the be given to night. It merely perpetuates the schools which exist now in the Northwest.

Unfounded.

There is no truth in the report that ir Wilfrid Laurier is going to Europe. The Mexican Service.

There is a hitch in the proposed Atlantic steamship service to Mexico. Canada wants the boats to call at Cuba, and. Mexico refuses to consent. For the present the negotiations are at a stand-

Telephones.

The special committee to inquire into the telephone situation with a view to nationalizing the system met to-day when Sir W. Mulock was appointed hairman. Sir William outlined what he thought should be the aim and scope of committee: The principal object of the committee should be to secure tele ne connection for every person in the Dominion who should desire it. He then utlined the scheme by which telepho ould be brought within the reach of all through the control of municipalities. The idea is for the Dominion to own and control the long-distance lines and the unicipalities own the local lines. The government could deal with the municipalities, as they could arrange the best system of collecting tolls, etc. Evidence as to the working of the system in Canada, Australia, Great Britain and Europe will be taken up by the committee, and if work is not finished this session will be continued next.

A ROUGH PASSAGE.

Steamer Cedric Was More Than Three Days Behind Record Time.

New York, March 20 .- More than hree and a half days behind the best ecord time on the voyage, the big line teamer Cedric came into port to-day after the most turbulent voyage of he areer. From the outset of the voyage the Cedric encountered heavy weather The force of the gale was terrific, and at times assumed hurricane proportions with a temperatuous sea. On March 12th, with the gale blowing out of the northwest, a long heavy rolling sea which met a southerly swell caused. A frightful confusion of water. The seas broke nore than 20 feet higher than the Cedric's bridge, and were estimated to be sixty feet high from the hollow to the crest. Officers say that although the buge ship rolled and pitched violently, she behaved splendidly. The day's runs show the character of the weather. They were 306, 222, 213, 17791144, 108,

282, 385, 397, 406, and 245,73 among the passengers on board the Cedric was Jabez White, the British pugilist, and his manager, Charles W. White is matched to fight other passenger was Luke Crabtree, a breeder of prize bulldogs, who is going t the Buffalo dog show to judge the bulldog classes.

OHARRIES LEASED

Resuming Work on Newcastle Island-Number of Families Leaving Ladysmith.

Nanaimo, March 20 .- The Newcastle Island stone quarries that have been lying idle for mere than half a year are to be opened up on an extensive scale by the Northwestern Construction Comtaken a lease of them for ten years. C. M. Reed, who will have charge of the quarries, arrived last night, and will at once put on a small force of men to take out dimension stone for shipment to that city. He will also, after an inspection decide what plant will be required for

operating the quarry by machinery. A number of persons are leaving Lady-smith since the recent changes in the mines. By the Joan this morning party consisting of F. D. Pelkey and family, and Wm. Campbell, a well-known contractor, went to Vancouver where on Wednesday they will be joined W. H. Lively and family (formerly of Victoria and lately in business in Ladysmith), and E. D. Comley and family, who intend to leave that day on the train for Alberta to engage in farming. Some fifty persons in all leave Ladysmith this summer to farm in Al-

CRATER SINKING.

Explosions at Vesuvius-No Alarm in Adjacent Villages.

New York, March 20 .- A Naples dis patch to the World says thare were freuent explosions of Vesuvius last night (Saturday), accompanied by ejections of candescent fire visible from Naples. They were produced by the sinking of bottom of the crater formed by the last eruption. Falling masses render it mpossible to approach the crater nearer than a distance of 30 yards. The adjacent villages are not alarmed.

SHOT AT WEDDING.

Chicago, Ill. March 20 .- A weddin ebration at the corner of Polk and Clark streets was suddenly terminated by Henry Deker, who shot one of the merrymakers of Vito Malpedo, inflicting the acid poleon. Believes in 8 hours and a fatal wound

"TORMENT AND TRAGEDY."

Novelist Writes on the School Question in Poland.

Petersburg, March 20.-Henrik Siekiewicz, the Polish novelist, published to-day an article dealing with the Polish school question, in which he describes school life in Poland as " a round of chagrin, torment and tragedy." He adds: "The years of youth and adolescence are years of suffering and torture. It is only the fear that their children might become social pariahs that makes parents wish them to obtain certificates."

PEACE IN SOMALILAND.

(Associated Press.) Rome, March 20 .- In concluding peace with Great Britain through the mediation of Italy, the Mad Mullah has obtained permission definitely to occupy Illig, a llage on Italian territory, 160 from Obbia, which was the base of opertions in the last campaign led by Gen Manning. Coast rights are granted the Mullah, qualified by a prohibition

CHIEF OF POLICE KILLED.

Some of His Assistants Also Reported t

Borisof, European Russia, March 20 Three squadrons of dragoons have started for Beresina, where armed Jews are reported to have killed the chief of police and a number of his assistants.

MANY PERSONS KILIÆD OR INJURED

EXPLOSION AND FIRE

Fifty Employees Unaccounted For and Number of Them are Believed to Be Dead.

Brockton, Mass., March 20 .-- Within half an hour after the six hundred or more employees at the R. B. Grover shoe factory had begun to-day, a boiler blew up in the factory engine room, wrecking | would give connection with Vancouver, a section of the building and starting a fire which destroyed the ruins, and spread to other buildings near-by.

Owing to the nature of the accident seized upon the section which fell after the explosion, and the excitement, any accurate estimate of the loss of life was

It was understood that upwards of two hundred persons were at work in the departments near the boiler room, and the first indications were that hardly one could have escaped. Later, however, it was learned that about fifty were unaccounted for and it was believed that many of this unmber might be killed or

injured. The factory, a large four story wooden structure, was in ashes within an hour. The flames extended to several dwelling houses near-by and the Dahlburg block across the street from the Grover factory were also consumed and other property

was damaged.

estimated at \$200,000 The boiler which exploded was located on the ground floor of an "L" which extended from the main buildings. Persons living near heard a dull roar and saw a cloud of smoke rising and .the "L" of the factory falling to the ground. Almost immediately flames burst forth from the ruins of the boiler room and quickly enveloped the wreckage. Before the hundreds of people in the main buildng had left it the fire jumped from the 'L" and in a few minutes the entire structure was a roaring furnace. Most of the people, however, in the main part of the plant succeeded in escaping, although in the terrible panic which followed the explosion quite a number were

injured. Twenty-Five Bodies Found. Brockton, Mass., March 20 .- Twenty five bodies up to 11.30 had been taken from the ruins. Many of them were so terribly mutilated and burned as to make identification difficult, if not impossible

Engineer Detained. Brockton, Mass., March 20 .- David Rockwell, the engineer in charge of the boiler which exploded, has been detained by the police pending an investigation of

More Than Fifty Hurt.

Brockton, Mass., March 20.-At 2,30, thirty-five bodies had been removed from the ruins. None was identified. The list of injured at this hour nun pered upwards of 50. An official of the Grover company ex pressed the opinion that possibly 100 per

ons would be found to have lost their

Forty-Four Dead.

Brockton, Mass., March 20 .- The searchers had recovered 42 bodies at 3.15 and were at work almost at the centre o the ruins. Up to that hour 250 of the 400 listed employees had been accounted for. David Rockwell, the engineer died at the police station early this afternoon from injuries sustained in connection with the explosion. At 3.30 the death list had reached 44.

RHEUMATISM-WHAT'S THE CAUSE -WHERE'S THE CURE?-The active irritating cause of this most painful of dis- residents of the district before anything is he ran coal schooners between here and cures in 1 to 3 days .- 90.

SURVEYS ARE TO BE MADE NORTH

V., W. & Y. PUTTING PARTIES IN FIELD

Will Locate the Line Into Northern British Columbia This Summer-Route Proposed.

The Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon Railway Company, since the completion of the financial arrangements for the line from North Vancouver with the Cariboo & Omineca, is going determin- the city, but the total is but a minor conedly to work preparatory to building the sideration to what is expected later on road. It is announced from Vancouver Building operations in Victoria will rethat parties are to be put in the field to survey the route. These will enter upon their work at once. Reconnaissance surveys have been made previously and the general route of the line is known.

the Dominion government. If this can ovince, work will at once begin on the the evening for Seattle to arrange for be obtained and also assistance from the first line to traverse the province north the transportation of machinery. Pre-The route from North Vancouver is the erection of sheds, workhouses and

in the direction of Port Atkinson, thence equipment. It will be some months beup the eastern side of Howe Sound, the Squamish Valley and Pemberton Meadows to Quesnelle, and thence northward to Stuart Lake. The railway will connect with all lines

entering British Columbia from the east. It is represented as entirely independent of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and in no way dependent upon the completion of that line. Incidentally it is mentioned IN A SHOE FACTORY that at Stuart Lake, where it would probably cross the Grand Trunk Pacific. the connection with Vancouver would be shorter than that by the transcontinental oad to the Pacific at Port Simpson.

The city councils of Vancouver and New Westminster and the board of trade of Vancouver are netitioning the govern-ment of the province to aid the build-ing of a line into Northern British Coumbin.
The Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon have just completed the bridge across ing on False Creek and the trains from Seattle \$1,500.

will to-day enter the depot on Dupont street in that city. The construction of the line to Northern British Columbia Jas. Donaldson—One-story frame New Westminster and Seattle, and by way of ferry with Victoria. The connection between the Vancouver, West-minster & Yukon and the Great North-Owing to the nature of the accident and the speed with which the flames Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern, if E. M. that scheme is carried out, will give the street; \$3,000. Great Northern a substantial footing in

SEARCH FOR BODIES.

(Associated Press.)

Fire Creek, W. Va., March 20.—The Capt J. W. Troup—Two-story f capt J. W. Troup—Tw ized yesterday to enter the Rush Run and Red Ash mines to recover the bodies of the twenty-four men who are believed to have been killed by the two explosions on Saturday and yesterday, were able to enter the mine to-day. The first Washington street, off Gorge road; early on Sunday morning, had gone two thousand feet when overcome by the sec-ond explosion. The second rescuing were also consumed and other property was damaged.

At 10,30 it was believed the fire was and preparations were at once begun for the removal of the dead bodies.

It is believed that by to-night the eleven men who gave up their lives in a brave attempt to rescue the imprisoned that the street is second rescaling party reached this point in the mine to-day, and preparations were at once begun for the removal of the dead bodies.

It is believed that by to-night the eleven men who gave up their lives in a brave attempt to rescue the imprisoned CHAMPION CHESS PLAYER DEAD

miners will be brought out of the mine

ASPHYXIATED. New York, March 20.-Ellison Clayon, one of the best known trainers and try, is dead at his boarding house here. rom accidental asphyxiation.

EARTHQUAKES.

New York, March 18.-A Naples dispatch to the Herald says: Repeated shocks of earthquakes were felt to-day (Friday), at Avellino and Bene ento. In several places the inhabitants fell into a panic but no serious damage

THE LINE TO PHOENIX.

Celebrating the Opening-Excursionists Eintertained at Spokane

Spokane, Wash., March 18 .- A large nun per of excursionists from Phoenix, Green wood and Grand Forks arrived here on Thursday to celebrate the opening of the Great Northern to Phoenix yesterday. The party was entertained at luncheon in the Spokane hotel by the Chamber of commerce. Addresses of welcome were delivered by the Mayor and officers of the chamber, and replied to by Mayor Rom berger and J. L. Martin, of Phoenix, and Julius Ehrlicht, of Greenwood. Afterwards the party was taken about the city in special cars.

PRIVATE BILLS.

Committee Recommend Putting Restriction on the Sumas Development

The private bills committee of the legislature met Monday morning. The bill to incorporate the Sumas Development Company vas fully discussed and it was agreed to recommend the scheme to the House in ase of some modifications being made in the bill. The committee will meet on Wed nesday and discuss these with the solicitors on each side. The modifications asked are that the company put up a deposit of \$75,-000 to provide for indemnifying the farmers for half a century, died this morning. He along the Luk-a-kuk river in case of dam- was a soldier in the United States army age being done to them. The whole scheme during the Mexican war, and came to Bri is also to be submitted to a vote of the ish Columbia from California. For year

The bill to incorporate the chartered ac years ago he sold the coal rights on his untants was also considered, and the bill ranch at Jack's Point to the New Vancouwill be recommended to the House.

MANY HOUSES ARE

BUILDING INSPECTOR MAKES NOTE OF THEM

Some Fine Residences Among Them--Preparations for Work on Hotel Superstructure.

During the past three months quite a number of residences have been erected in the different residential localities of ceive a notable impetus from the activity on the flats, where the half a million dollar hotel superstructure will be in course of construction. Contractor Bar-John Hendry, who represents the company, is now in the east seeking aid from undertaking, was in the city for a short time on Saturday afternoon, leaving in liminary to the actual operations will be fore the first course of stone will be started, not until the steel, which has

been ordered from the East, arrives. Some fine residences will be completed early this year, among them being the palatial dwelling of A. E. Todd, which is now being built on St. Charles street. This was started last fall, and is being pushed forward rapidly. Special attention is being given to the grounds, which when completed will be among the finest in the province. Of the dwellings started this year the building inspector has made a note of the following:

C. H. Arundel-House on St. Charles G. H. Barnard-One-story addition to street; cost \$800.

M. Burney-One-story frame house on Kingston street; \$800. G. H. Brown-Story and a half building on Princess street, James Bay; W. Bryce-House, corner Elford street

ase on St. Lawrence street; \$800. Jane C. Dunbar-Two-story Mrs. frame house on Fernwood road; \$3,000. Lee Cheon and Lee Way-Four oneframe houses on Herald street;

E. Mohun-Two-story house, McLure Mr. McCrimmon-One-story house on Belcher street: \$2,000. On Hing Bros .- Two-story brick building, Government street; \$4,000.

A. Pike—One-story house, Clarence

Rescue Party Makes Arrangements For street; \$2,200.

Rescue Party Makes Arrangements For Seabrook—Story and a half house, s street: \$2,000. ton street; \$1,500.

> and other repairs: \$6,000. E. Vaughan-Story and a half house, Four small frame houses along this

Geo. Wynne-Two-story frame build-

CHAMPION CHESS PLAYER DEAD

Chicago, March 20 .- Sydney P. Johnston, an authority on chess, and for twelve years editor of the American Artisan, a hardware trade paper, is dead at his home here of diabetes. Mr. Johnon was the champion chess player of

THE IRISH QUESTION. London. March 17 .- John E. Redmond speaking at an Irish banquet last night said the political prospects of Ireland were never brighter and the Irish ques-

ion now dominated parliament.

merstein, the Prussian minister of the in-THE CRISIS IN HUNGARY.

Berlin, March 20.-Baron Von Ham-

PRUSSIAN MINISTER DEAD.

Budapest, March 20.—Emperor Joseph has arrived here in connection with the ministerial crisis.

FLOUR FOR JAPAN. Large Orders Have Been Placed With

Minneapolis Firms.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 20 .- Heavy flour orders from Japan continue to pour in on Minneapolis mills. One firm the other day received an order for 20,000 sacks and a second order a day later for the same number, both consignments clear able from the Pacific Coast in April and May. The manager of the company said that every mill owned by the company is

in operation. Japan's business last week with one company amounted to more than 60,000 sacks of flour, and other companies are reporting a proportionate amount of business

PIONEER DEAD.

Nanalmo, March 18 .- Capt. John Dolholt, 86 years of age, an old-timer who lived here Victoria in the pioneer days. Some tw ver Coal Co.

NEW COAL

G. T. P. HAS

Will Spend Nearly ment - Repe Northe

By the time th is constructed th Columbia there dieries probably t Crow's Nest Pass Trunk Pacific Co. the Telqua river erly controlled by Omineca, and Morse before he the deal for the a The block is sit river, about fiftee point where it em river. The coal is

and has been sta eight years. Of t quired, one-half v Pacific Northern and the other ha been owned by F.
The Grand True its directors a nur not unfamiliar wi being deeply inte Nest Pass Coal Co are Senator Geo. C The geologis Coal Company, Mr Telqua treasures l

upon them prepara ing place. It is said that th develop the proper pert mining man prepare properly f velopment work or considerable force the mines will be ing through. It is company which wil to the railway con about \$750,000 in o ing year.

The Pacific Nort way charter is als acquired by the For some time it that the big corpo on the provincial Northern & Omine the option was be upon the provincia time extended for ago the bill exten passed its third re

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