SEIZED RUSSIAN MERCHANT VESSELS FEB. 6 FIRING OF GUNS ALREADY BEEN HEARD

Loan of \$200,000,000 From a Foreign Syndicate.

LONDON, FEB-9-IN A DESPATCH DATED NAGASAKI, FEB. 6, AND WHICH WAS DELAYED BY THE

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LONDON, Feb. 9.—In a despatch from Tokio, a correspondent of The Polls Tokio, a correspondent of The Daily Mail says the Jiji Shimpo has received a telegram from Fusan, Corea, declaring that the firing o guns was heard to the east of Koje

LONDON, Feb. 9.-In a despatch from Tien Tsin, a correspondent of The Standard says a Russian force is eported at Kalgan (in Pechili I

long ago decided upon war and their delay was due to lack of preparation and uncertainty whether certain the ther certain powers would inter-

NO DECLARATION NEEDED.

London, Feb. 8 .- The British Foreign Office does not regard the Japanese note presented Feb. 5 to the Russian Fereign Office by M. Kurino as establishing a state of war, tho it holds it would justify a hostile act without any further notification on the part of Japan, which the Foreign Office also Japanese warships has reached the Japanese Legation here. The report is discredited at the Legation and it

ASKS ROOSEVELT TO INTERVENE.

Vienna, Feb. 8.-The Austrian Peace Society has sent a cablegram to President Roosevelt requesting him to inter-

Russia Negotiating for a New What Caused Japan's Act In Breaking Negotiations

Ambassador Kurino Declares THE DAILY TELEGRAPH ASSERTS Russia's Preparations Did Not

LANDING THEM NEAR THE YALU garded by the Japanese government as the Corean Empire, and to safeguard-

esire to remove from the relations be-ween Japan and Russia every cause or future misunderstanding.

Island (about 25 miles southwest of Western Wing of Jesse Ketchum Spoke Last Night at Teeswater in School Badly Damaged - Overheated Furnace Pipes.

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before the fire department got the flames extinguished as to practically require the reconstruction of the rooms in this part of the school. As in the has been received there that Japan-has been received the properties that the prospective that the prospective that the properties that the prospective that the properties that the p has been received there that Japanese troops have been landed at Masampho. The despatch says further that the Russian warships at Port Arthur frequently put to sea and that the inhabitants of Seoul are uneasily expecting the arrival of the Japanese troops.

Hamilton-street School fire the greatest that the prosperity that the country was now enjoying was not the outcome of Liberal legislation, but was brought about by the far-reaching policy advocated by the Conservatives under the leadership of Sir John A. Macdonald and his survivors. He then criticized the G.T.P. He showed that to build the road was a waste of public money.

Interests of J. J. Donnelly, the Conservative Candidate

ince, 110 miles northwest of Pekin a month the Toronto Public School eral-Conservative meeting was held and near the Great Wall), and that system has been tried by fire. At here to-night in the interest of the Conpreparations are being made for the flight of the Chinese court and the removal of the Imperial treasures, as it is feared that Russia will western wing was so badly injured Clarke of Trents.

floors present the worst appearance. The joists are burned thru and the floors are in a dangerous state. A determine with a syndicate of French, Belgian and Dutch bankers," cables the Brussels' correspondent of The Standard, "for a loan of \$200,000, 000."

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Paris correspondent of The Daily Mail says that France has agreed with other powers to land troops in China directly as soon as hostilities begin, in order to insure neutrality of the middle kingdom.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—In a despatch from Nagasaki, dated Feb. 8, a correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says: "It is assured that the Russian fleet will fight. The Russians long ago decided upon war and the foors properly to the United States, France, and the firmen had a special to the Construction exists in the floors are in a dangerous state. A determine the point and that the construction exists in the floor to an other, and gave easy access to the distermine that it would simply deal a death blow to the Intercolonial Railway.

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JESSE KETCHUM SCHOOL, WESTERN WING, DAMAGED BY



DISSENSION WITHIN CITY

For the second time in a little over Teeswater, Feb. 8.—(Special.) -- A Lib- World's Special Representative Interview Both Sides of the Question-Special Committee to Discuss Situation To-Morrow.



the corporation has been assuming large Meanwhile Everybody Walks two shillings duty were removed to the course we would be pledged to

Meeting on Wednesday.

The next real step in the conflict will not occur till the meeting of the special committee Mayor Bell has called for Wednesday next. Both sides are busily engaged in an effort to secure an advantage and set public sentiment on their side. Petitions in the hands of the employes of the Street Railway already been attached to these requests, which, when completed, will be sent to the Council asking that they have the cars started at once. It is charged that these petitions have been circulated at the instigation of the company's management. On the other hand, there is an energetic canvass being prosecuted by those opposed to allowing the company's demand, and some aldermen have gone so far as to express them selves openly as to the stand they propose taking, and resent in the strongest terms what they consider as a holdup of the city. So strained have the relations become that the press of



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With every car locked in its barns and the tracks covered with a foot of conservative legislation, and that the Laurier government had not passed one single law that contributed to this prosperity, which is experienced by other nations as well as Canada. It was not the Laurier government that had brought prosperity to the United States, France, Germany, etc. Altho the Liberals nearly claimed credit even for this, yet Senate reform is not advocated now, as it is too Liberal to need reform. It was too Liberal to need reform. It was not the City Council refused to be coerced too warm a nest for the good, old, crafty Liberals to try to reform it now.

ther certain powers would intervene or not."

When you ask for "Clubb's Dollar Mixture," Take no office, it's the one to that the substitution of the cut at smicks cool and will be seen that the authorities are of the smith that the authorities are compelled to walk popular price—I ib. tin \$1.00, I=2 lb. in \$

BALTIMORE'S LOSS NOW \$125,000,000 BUSINESS MEN RENDERED PENNILESS

Fleming on Stand To-Day Will Deny the Page Story

Nothing Exciting in Civic Inves-

dell's hands. Tho the crowd remains to the last, not a live wire was located all day. It was expected that Deputy Commissioner Forman would take the stand to verify the story of Harry Page connecting Commissioner Fleming with the Woods list of bogus voters, but this stage was not reached when an adjournment was taken after six hours of constant labor. What the Assessment Commissioner has to say in his defence is interesting a considerable number just now. The prosecution rule opposition will have an inning. The problem of the department will probably concluded by Wednesday evening. In that event Judge Winchester will begin his side of the civic investi-

the elder Forster and his two sons. orroborating Rev. Frank Forster

Nothing Exciting in Civic Investigation Monday, But Much of Interest for To-Day.

There was an air of expectancy about the crowd that filled Judge Morgan's court room yesterday and listened to the story of the municipal scandal. The dramatic development of Friday and Saturday seem to have taken the wire edge off the instruments in Mr. Riddell's hands. Tho the crowd remains to the last, not a live wire was located

Woods, and a few words from Sloan, the real estate man who was placed on the padded list by Woods.

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How Day Was Spent.

Aside from a few minutes of concluding testimony from Harry Page, the day was consumed with the stories of

Kuew Nothing of It. The Forster boys swore that they no

of Empire and Prejudice British Industries.

duce the duties on their goods i And while all the fighting is going on the citizens are compelled to walk Yet the American trade might be infi-

Thinks They Would Destroy the Unity 300 Lives Lost in the Latter, But Not a Solitary One in

(Canadian Associated Press Cubic.)
London, Feb. 9.—Right Hon, Gerald Balfour, president of the Board of Trade, refuses to commit the government beyond the lines laid down by Premier Balfour in his Sheffield speech. Replying to John Morley in the House of Commons yesterday, he declared the government was against protection. "Preferential duties were not a part of our program, nor any particular way of carrying the proposal out. I should be glad to see such a state of public opin—

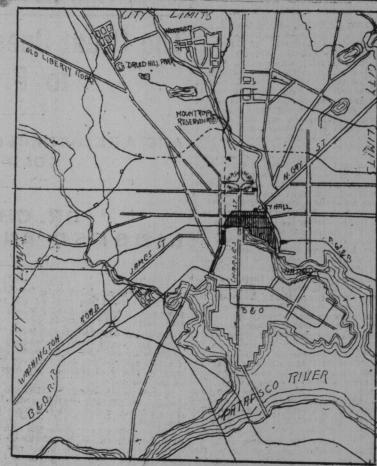
The great fire in Baltimore has set many people thinking about the Chicago fire of October, 1871, and making about the Chicago fire of October, 1871, and making comparisons between the two calamities. The most significant fact of all is that 300 lives were lost in the Chicago fire, while in the reports from Baltimore we hear very little of loss of life. There could hardly be better evidence of the advance of civilization than this.

The Chicago fire occurred in October, 1871, and making therefore, and Which were in the path of the flames, are companies nearly 2500 buildings. Insurance companies have opened temporary offices in the Lexington Hotel, but their representatives decline to estimate the loss. The answer of one is typical of all: "It is too big. We have not figures to describe it. Muke it above \$100,000,000,000. The best we can do." The same indecision was true in regard to estimates concerning insurance. glad to see such a state of public opin- 1871. The buildings burned were 30 ion as would admit of the adoption of a per cent, of the whole city, including its

preferential arrangement with the col- most important business districts and anthrophist, is one of the famous buildings of the city, and the Johns Hop

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STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

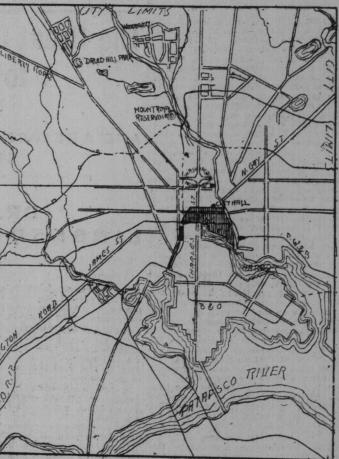


preferential arrangement with the colonies, but I decline to pin myself to any
particular method of carrying it out.

He did not think the member for West,
E!rmingham (Joseph Chamberlain) said
a 10 per cent. duty was an essential
part of his scheme. The policy of the
government did not admit of a tax on
food, and this limitation made it impossible to retaliate upon Russia or the
United States, but it could be done
against France or Germany. Great Pritain had a weapon which could be used
against the Americans in the imposition
of countervailing duties. There could
be no retaliation without parliamentary
consent. He believed the government's
policy would contribute towards the
establishment of a really free trade
more than the present system.

Repudiates Joseph.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach (Conservative Free Trader) insisted that the



MAP OF BALTIMORE, SHOWING SIZE OF CITY AND OF THE

One Hundred and Forty Acres Burned Over and 2500 **Buildings Destroyed**

Number of blocks gone

remen and fire waged for supremacy

City Under Martial Law tia now here, and the regulars ordered out. The struggle to-day has been with the one and of confining the fire to the west side of Jones Falls. No one dares guess the result if the flames had jumped this stream. That the fire was checked was the result of its meeting the concentrated labors of nearly 100 fire companies, aided by the powerful fire tug the Cataract.

Again and again the terrible heat driven across Jones Falls ignited build-

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15c for 10 pure Egyptian hand made garettes—Cafe Noir. For sale by all MANITOBA LEGISLATURE OVER. Winnipeg, Feb. 8 .- The local legis-

ature was prorogued this afternoon at alf-past three. GREEN HAS SMALLPOX

Belleville, Feb. 8 .- A young man named Green, residing near the Village of Tweed, is a victim of smallpox.



DECIDEDLY COLD.

Lower Lakes Georgian Bay Ofawa Valley, Upper St. Lawrence and Lower St. Lawrence-Moderate winds fair and decidedly cold.

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MEREDITH—On Sunday, Feb. 7, at the residence of her son-in-law, D. M. Young, 14 Suffelk-place, Catharine, widow of the late Henry W. Meredith, in her SZnd year, a resident of the city for over 55 years. Her end was peace.

Funeral from the above address, on Tuesday, the 9th just, at 3 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cometer.