WHAT THE WAR IS **COSTING RUSSIA**

Daily Expenses Are Averaging \$650,000 Kouropatkin Confident Russian Sailors Will Retrieve Their Losses.

gram to the Emperor:

of Japanese transports near Ching Tai Tse, opposite the village of Potansa, 25 will be raised at home. The ministry of versts west of Tatung Kau. The ves- finance says it may be easy to float an sels were anchored at a distance of fifty | international loan late in the summer or patches from General Mistchenko, Japanese ships were also seen near Sou-

The general staff has issued the following statement: "According to of-ficial reports all has been quiet at Port forced. Under the law, paper is issuable Arthur and Yinkow and on the Yalu the

pated flanking movement of the Japan-Ching Tai Tse, was reported to the Emperor to-day by General Kouropatkin. Military experts here have long regarded that vicinity as the possible point of disembarkation of the second Japanese expedition. It is not far away from Taku Shan (12 miles to the east), and connects by road with Port Arthur (10 miles to the southwest), and Feng Huan Cheng (50 miles to the northwest). where the Russians will make their first

Though the Japanese are building entrenchments on the Yalu, it is believed that they will advance soon. The arrangements for a turning movement are complete, and experts say that such a Shan, as Feng Huan Cheng lies in one of an equilateral triangle, with Taku Shan and the Yalu as the base. gees. The arrangements for sending the ship are to be made by Japan through The Japanese disembarkation will undoubtedly be covered by warships, and the Russians recognize that it will be

impossible to prevent it.
"We will strike after they have landgrimly said a member of the general staff.

It was claimed by the general staff to-day that General Kouropatkin now has 300,000 men at the theatre of war, sufficient for present requirements. A correspondent of the Associated Press that the dispatch of troops to the Far East has been suspended for the pres-

In Northern Korea.

Tokio, April 20.-Russian troops to the number of 1,000 are reported to be in occupation of Yong Gan, in north-eastern Korea. A detachment of forty Cossacks has appeared for a second time at Sun Jin (150 miles north of Gen San). where they burned the Japanese settle and the telegraph offices. There were no Japanese troops present. The Korean officials at Sun Jin were friendly to the Russians. Another detachment of 75 Russians soldiers has advanced as far as Puck Chyong, about 75 miles down the coast from Sun Jin.

Marquis Ito to-day contributed \$750 to the Perry memorial relief fund. In a letter accompanying the contribution the Marquis said: "Permit me to express my warmest sympathy with this, which will not only perpetuate the name of your great commodore, who is already revered and beloved here, but which will also carry home to everyone of us, even the poorest of our families, the toward our countrymen. This enteras an endeavor on the part of those who first introduced us to Western ideas to lead us farther toward a universal community and humanitarian princi-Before these national frontiers should vanish, and they will vanish, I sincerely hope that this work will be crowned with unprecedented success.'

Viceroy Alexieff.

St. Petersburg, April 20.-So far as can be learned, no action has been taken in regard to Viceroy Alexieff's application to be relieved of his duties. Indeed, it is not officially admitted that such an application has been received. Rumors of the vicerov's approaching return have gained wide circulation, but further than admitting the fact of the existence of unfriendly relations between the two men, the official world did all in its power to discourage the idea that Vice-Admiral Skrydloff's appointment to command the Russian fleet at Port Arthur could lead Admiral Alexieff to take a hasty step.

Reports from Liao Ying say Grand Duke Cyril is progressing favorably, but the doctors will not allow him to start on his long journey to St. Petersburg for several days. This puts at rest the circumstantial interview printed this morning by the London Daily Mail. It was alleged to have been had yester-day at Harbin with Grand Duke Cyril, who was said to be en route to Petersburg.

RUSSIAN FINANCES.

Issue of \$15,000,000 in Paper Currence -The Expenses of the War.

St. Petersburg, April 21 .- 2.25 p.m. that a year's expenditure for the war are printed abroad. The correspondent of the Associated Press is authoritatively informed that the daily expenses are averaging \$650,000, and it is estimated

that a year's expenditures for the war will total \$250,000,000. To meet this there existed a free balance of \$50,000,000 every condition of life for permission to go to the front. The applications come from New Brunswick, was murdered from time-expired soldiers and boys to young to enlist in the army in the regular by a man named Lambert, the guardian of a lumber hut, as the result of Kelly and his friends insisting upon entering the hut St. Petersburg, April 20.—General Kouropatkin has sent the following telegram to the Emperor:

that a year's expenditures for the war fice is flooded with thousands of applications from men of every age, and there existed a free balance of \$50,000,-"General Kashtalinsky reports as fol- by reductions of the ordinary budgets, lows: 'On April 19th, all is quiet on the leaving ostensibly \$135,000,000 to be Yalu. The Japanese are throwing up entrenchments opposite Golutsy and further to the north. The number of Japanese the railroads owned by the government. ther to the north. The number of Jap- It being in reality a question of bookanese troops is increasing. They are keeping, how the balance is to be raised concentrating at Wiju and spreading to-ward the north along the Yalu. Cossack sentinels have observed the lights desired, if it can be avoided, as practically the total of the war expenditure

Russia has made a new issue of \$150, gold in the state bank. At the ministry of finance it was explained that it was to double the amount of gold, last few days. There is no further \$150,000,000 gold, in excess of which paper issued must be covered rouble for rouble. In the state bank there are in round figures \$400,000,000 in gold, would permit of an issue of \$550,000,000 ese ships off Potansa, near the Gulf of in paper. But the paper issue at present only amounts to \$350,000,000.

Foreign Minister Lamsdorff has been notified that the United States reserves all the rights she may have under international law in the event of any American citizens being affected by Russia's decision in the case of war correspond ents using wireless telegraphy. This notification does not involve a protest against Russia's course, simply reserving whatever rights may exist in the yet un adjudicated question of the use of wireless telegraphy in time of war.
United States Commercial Agent

Greener, at Vladivostock, has been in-structed through Ambassador McCormick to inform the Japanese consul at ent could properly begin at Taku the Island of Sakahalin that a vessel will be sent to the island to take back to Japan the consular staff and the refuthe authorities at Washington,

Grand Duke Cyril, who was injured at the time of the battleship disaster, is protesting against returning to Russia. He desires as soon as he has recovered to go back to Port Arthur, but his mother, Grand Duchess Vladimir, is insisting on

Minister Avallean has received the following telegram from Gen. Kouropat-"I mentally embrace you, dear Feodor Carlovich, knowing the grief and anxiety you are suffering. The army finds co solation in the firm conviction that our illustrious seamen will retrieve their loss at the expense of the Japan-

AN ALLEGED SPY.

Englishman Reported to Have Been Hanged at Mukden-Feeling Against British and Americans.

Berlin, April 21 .- A correspondent of he Frankfurter Zeitung writing from Harbin, Manchuria, under the date of March 10th, says great bitterness has been aroused throughout Manchuria against Americans and British because passports. They will be dealt with acit is believed American and British vessels took part in the bombardments of Port Arthur under the Japanese flag This belief apparently is due to the fact that the Japanese fleet was larger than the Russians anticipated and included unknown types of vessels. The feeling is so strong that Americans and British



ter go without lunch at all than eat the hurried lunch which forms the noon-day meal of many a busines man. Hasty eating, foods hard to digest, and no time allowed for digestion are the cause of many a case of stomach "trouble."

Disease of the stomach

seriously threatens the health of the whole body and should be promptly cured. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutri-tion. It enables the perfect assimilation of food and the proper nutrition of the

body on which physical strength depends. Dody on which physical strength depends.

"Nine or ten years ago my health became very poor, and in 1892 was so far gone that good doctors pronounced my case the worst they had ever treated," writes Mr. Harvey Phipps, of Florence, Ala. "I had acute stomach trouble, fiver complaint, catarrh and was nervous to such an extent I could not sleep. I finally got three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and some 'Pellets,' Took them according to directions on the bottles, and in a few days noticed a decided improvement. I commenced to get more rest at night and could eat with pleasure, where formerly food was like chips to me. When I had used three bottles of the 'Discovery' I was a new man; could eat mince Discovery I was a new man; could eat mince pie for supper, go to bed at seven P. M. and sleep until seven A. M. I am now working at my trade (carpentry), every day in all kinds of weather, and think if I had not taken your medicines I would now be under the sod."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cleanse the clogged system from accumulated are not safe anywhere in Manchuria. One Railly, an American, and several others, including Davidson, a Canadian, have disappeared. The authorities are

It is reported that an Englishman was arrested in Port Arthur as a spy and was taken to Mukden and hanged. The ying of the so-called "four boats" on e Liao river, mostly under the American flag and carrying American goods,

Southern Manchuria has been scoured for several months for supplies of flour destined for Port Arthur, which is re-ported to have been provisioned for two years.

WRITTEN IN BLOOD.

Applications to Go to Front Pouring Into the Japanese War Office.

several are wholly written in blood.

Volunteers have not yet been accepted, but the officials are much pleased at the desire of the people to assist in the war. The applications will be filed, and if plunteers are next those who are now

the first opportunity.

The authorities here believe that 500,-000 volunteers will be easily obtained. BAYAN UNINJURED.

Although the Cruiser Was Under Hot Fire no Damage Was Sustained.

Port Arthur, April 20 .- (Delayed in ion).-The situation here is un-

was brought into the harbor to-day.

Two German naval officers have arrived here. They will be attached to the Russian headquarters. The cruiser Bayan suffered no damage from the hail of shells poured upon her from the Japanese warships when the Bayan went to the assistance of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer on April 3th, just previous to the sinking of the

polavsk. The Bayan in driving off the Japanese destroyers which had sunk the Bezstrashni was subjected to the fire of six Japanese cruisers QUIET AT PORT ARTHUR.

There Are No Signs of Japanese Transports Off That Point. Port Arthur, April 21 .- All has been

niet here since April 15th. There are no signs of the enemy's rts off the coast. Further details of the action of the ser Bayan during the night of April 13th, show that in covering the retreat of the Russian torpedo boats she approached within 30 cable lengths of the attempting to rescue the Bezstrashni's crew, and stood broadside to the enemy, keeping four cruisers at bay, while she lowered her boats on the other side and picked up five sailors. In spite of the weight of the enemy's not a single man on board the Bayan fell between the smokestacks of one of the Japanese cruisers, producing a heavy explosion on board.

TAKEN TO PORT ARTHUR.

Japanese Officers Will Be Dealt With According to Martial Law.

Tientsin, April 21.-The two Japanese officers who were captured in Manchuria disguised as Khamas, and who had large quantity of explosives in their pos ssion, have been taken to Port Arthur An examination is being made in order cording to martial law.

NOT CONFIRMED.

No Further News Regarding Russians Alleged to Have Occupied Pouk Chong. Seoul, April 21.-Latest advices

not confirm the reported occupation by Russian troops of Pouk Chong, a town about 70 miles down from Sung Jin, on the east coast of Korea. First Lieut. Douglas C. McDougall, with 70 marines from the American le-

gation guard, has been ordered to leave Seoul and sail on the cruiser Raleigh for Manila. The marines heretofore have crowded the small house in the legation compound and the Boswick office building. The impossibility of properly ousing the men during the hot season, the quiet condition of Seoul and the presence of a sufficient Japanese garrison to quell any disturbances are re-sponsible for the decrease in the strength of the American legation guard.

TWELVE MINERS KILLED.

Cable of Cage Broke and Men Fell to the Bottom of the Shaft.

Mexico City, April 21.-A telegram has reached this city from Capucha, capital of the state of Hidalgo, stating that a mine disaster occurred there in which J. A. Macdonald Entertained. twelve miners lost their lives by being ecipitated to the bottom of a shaft, 350 metres deep. The cause of the accident was the breaking of a cable to which was attached the cage containing men. The accident occurred in the Lablanca mine. All of those who lost their lives were Mexican miners belonging to the poorer classes.

ONE HUNDRED ENTOMBED. Miners Buried by an Avalanche in Italy

Turin, Italy, April 20 .- About one indred miners has been buried by an mense avalanche near the village of Praguelato.

ALLEGED MURDERER MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS

Supposed to Have Set Fire to Hut and Perished in the Flames-Canadian Notes.

lar manner. The ages of the applicants as the result of Kelly and his friends insisting upon entering the hut favor of Home Rule, and expressing conagainst the wishes of Lambert, who had applications with their own blood, and been instructed by the owner of the hut not to allow any one in. A warrant was issued for Lambert's arrest, but when the officers went to serve it. Lambert at tacked one with an axe, but caused little injury. Assistance was sent for, but when additional officers came to the applying for active service will be given place on Saturday it was found that the hut had been completely destroyed by fire and Lambert nowhere to be seen. It is thought he fired the place and per-

> Immigrant's Death. Montreal, April 18. The dead body of Isaac Tremya, a Russian, was found on a couch this morning, in a comfortable apartment in St. Dominique street as a result of gas poisoning. He was an immigrant, having arrived from Halifax last night. He intended starting for Winnipeg to-day. Before retiring last night he was warned by the proprietor about the gas, but remarked: "Do you think I am a greenhorn?" The gas had been blown out instead of being

Labor Troubles.

All indications are that the building trades of Montreal will be somewhat disturbed this spring owing to strikes. Granite cutt ters are already out, and it is expected that the painters will go ou row and be followed in a few days by the carpenters. The trouble is over wages, the men demanding an increase which the employers say they can afford to grant, their experience of union control being anything but favorable They are willing to agree not to discrim inate against union men, but they pos-tively refuse to give them the monopol of employment. Building operations, i there is no trouble, will be larger than ever in the history of the city, as there s great lack of houseroom in Montreal the population having increased greatly during the past year.

Ruined by Cold Weather. Toronto, April 18 .- According to the Globe's correspondents, the fall wheat crop in Kent, Brant and Simcoe count has been rained by cold weather and the ground will have to be reploughed.

HON. J. SUTHERLAND IS NOT LEAVING CABINET

Time for Construction of V., V. & E. Road Extended - White Horse and Alsek Line.

Ottawa, April 19 .- Hon. James Suth erland returned to the city this morning and was busy in his office all forenoon He denies the story about his retiremen

from the cabinet. New Inspector. J. Greenfield, assistant inspector of post offices at Vancouver, is to be appointed inspector.

Railway Bills. At the railway committee to-day the bill extending the time for the construc-tion of the Victoria-Vancouver & East ern, which was in charge of A. Morrison, M. P., was passed. R. G. McPherson's bill to incorporate the White Horse & Alsek railway was also reported. This is for a road from White Horse to the international boundary in westerly direct tion, and thence to Dawson. The gauge was left to be fixed by the governor-in council. B. B. Johnston, Samuel L. Howe, Wm. L. Newson, Thomas Mc-

Caffrey and Alexander, E. Garrett, of Vancouver, are those asking incorpor Bill Introduced.

A. Morrison's bill respecting the Paci-J. A. Macdonald Entertained.

J. A. Macdonald, Liberal leader of British Columbia, was entertained to luncheon at the Rideau Club, there being present Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Wm. Mulock, and Hon. C. Sifton, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. R. Prefontaine and Hon. W. Templeman, the British Columbia Liberal members, Duncan Ross, of Greenwood, and Deputy-Speaker Mac-

WILL RESIGN.

The Australian Government Defeated on Labor Party Amendment.

Melbourne, Victoria, April 21.-The Federal government was defeated in ocality, and it is feared that other the House of Representatives to-day on valanches may fall. The whole population of the village and a detachment of forty soldiers have gone to the scene of bill providing for the arbitration of labor the disaster, hoping to save some of the disputes applicable to state employees. The government will resign.

Nationalists Adopt Resolutions-Red-mond Says Ireland Will Decide

Fate of Governme Dublin, April 21.—The annual Nationalst convention at the Mansion House o-uay was well attended, and excited nuch enthusiasm. John Redmond, who

esided at the opening proceedings, said

ne Unionist government and party were ned cell waiting for execution of the sentence which been pronounced on them, and in human probability it was reserved esentatives of Ireland to give the final blow, which would end their existence. They had denied Ireland Home Rule, had broken their pledges and had introduced a budget which would impose an additional burden of \$2,500,000 yearly on Ireland. The question of Home Rule was again becoming deciding factor in English elections. and on the dissolution of parliament it would be found to be a deciding factor as to what government should rule this

fidence in the Irish members of parlia-

THE BRITISH NAV

ONE OF FLORA'S CREW CARRIES OFF HONORS

The Shearwater Will Refit in Esquimalt at Big Cost in Few

London, April 2.-According to the prize firing returns of 1903, Lance-Sergeant W. McFadden, Royal Marine Artillery, of H. M. S. Flora, Captain Casper J. Baker, of the Pacific squadron, was the best shot last year in the navy with the 6-inch gun, his score being 102,448 points. The Flora did splendidly in the prize-firing, as she occupies the third place out of forty-five cruisers which went through the practice.

Esquimalt Garrison. There is no foundation for the stateent that the garrison of Esquimalt is be increased by another company of Royal Garrison Artillery. During the resent financial year the garrison will ensist of one company Royal Garrion Artillery, one and half companies Royal Engineers and other ments, the total amounting to 16 officers and 346 non-commissioned officers and men. That this garrison is insufficien goes without saying, considering the importance of Esquimalt as a naval base. There is every reason to believe, however, that ultimately the Pacific station will be restored to its original status of a rear-admiral's command.

The Shearwater. In a few months the sloop Shearstation. She will be recommissioned at Esquimalt for a second commission, and well undergo a thorough refit at an esti-mated cost of £2,750, or \$13,750. Her present commission is her maiden one, and during it she has established a record for long-distance steaming.

'Service Pay." pay," by which Tommy Atkins will be the tracks opposite. enable to add to his enrolments provided he attains a certain proficiency with his rifle at the target, came into Towards this a sum of £750,000 has been voted for the present year. Musketry is now the great desideratum of military training.

STEEL MANUFACTURERS' PROPOSED COMBINATION

Conference in London to Prevent Dumping and to Fix Uniform Export Prices.

(Associated Press.) New York, April 21.-A special dis-

patch to the Sun, dated London, April 20th, says: "A secret conference of the highest nportance to the steel manufacturers of the world began its sessions here yesterday. Its object is to arrange for the reservation of home markets, the pre-vention of dumping and the fixing of uniform export prices.

"The countries represented are Great Britain, Germany, the United States, Austria and Belgium. The project originated with the German syndicate, the Deutscher Stahlwerksver Bank, of which Herr Thyason is the chief representative. 'Pour parles began three months ago,

with the result that dumping was greaty restricted during the last two months. The original proposal was to regulate the neutral markets, but the British Manufacturers objected that the proposal was not feasible unless it included Great Britain, where Germany dumps a million tons a year. Germany agreed to this in principle, and a conference was summoned for a discussion of the whole question of export prices all markets, including those of plates, structural steel and semi-products. "A parallel agreement to the one pro posed is now in successful operation be tween the manufacturers of wrought iron pipe. This encourages the steel makers to believe that a great combination in their trade is practicable. "The conference is expected to last

Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly

DAMAGES ESTIMAED AT TEN MILLIONS

After a Hard Fight, Firemen Got Conflagration at Toronto Under Control Early This Morning.

structive conflagration was under control of those representing houses which have at 4.10 this morning, when the flames were checked by the fall of the Mc-Mahon building, next the Bank of Montreal, corner of Bay and Front streets. to The customs house was saved after two hours' hard fighting.

Bay street is in ruins from Melinda street south, while Wellington street is piled with debris from half way to Yonge street on the east and half way to firms, the commercial men are at standstill with respect to doing by

Front street is gutted from the Queen's notel to the customs house, and Esplanade street from the customs house to Lorne is strewn with the wreckage of

The estimated loss is placed at ten million dollars. Insurance men are meeting to-day to figure out the amounts. The flames spread so rapidly that it was with difficulty that the firemen moved from building to building. A north wind was blowing, and the water service was poor, which rendered their

efforts almost nil The fire started at 9 o'clock last night. Among the principal losses are: W. R. Brock & Co., \$500,000; Brown Bros., wholesale stationers, \$235,000; R. Smith & Co., lithographers, \$250,000; Debenham, Caldrett & Co., \$200,000; Suckling & Co., auctioneers; E. and S. Currie, Dodd's Medicine Co.; Ritchie & Ramsay, Andrew Muirhead, W. Jessop & Sons \$50,000; Davis & Henderson, \$50,000: Office Specialty Co., \$50,000; Galt Manufacturing Co., \$75,000; Warwick stood. If these books have not been stored in some place which escaped de-& Co., \$275,000; Copp, Clark & Co., Ames, Holden Co., Gordon Mackay & Co., Barber & Ellis, Gutta Percha Rubber Co., Scott & Brown, Brock's big dry goods house, Queen's hotel, and fifteen

other wholesale houses Toronto, April 20 .- The loss by last night's fire is conservatively estimated at \$13,000,000, with insurance \$10,000,000. The desolation wrought by fire cannot be described. Bay street is in ruins from Melinda south; Wellington street is piled high with debris from half way to Yonge street, east of Bay, to half. way to York street, west of Bay; Front street is gutted from the Queen's hotel to the custom house; Esplanade street

water, Commander A. T., Hund will is a line of wrecked factories from the complete her commission on the Pacific custom house to Lorne street. The Telegram building is the north landmark of Bay street, as it existed last, and there is no south land mark. Bay street to its south end was clean swept by flames. The McLaughlin flour mill on Esplanade, a rugged stone buildings, fell before the destroyer as completely Yesterday the new system of "service as a railway watchman's shanty across

Senator Cox said 'the conflagration | was the most devastating that ever took statement every part of the House was place in Toronto. The value of property filled. Joseph Chamberlain was present could only be vaguely rated in the ab- to hear his son. The former Colonial nce of direct data bearing on the value of buildings standing in the devastated district. Every insurance company, transacting business in Canada would sustain grievous losses, and also many European capitalists, who had immense sums of money invested in wholesale business in this country, would suffer

The buildings burned on Bay street east, number 20; Bay west, 30 ington west, north side, 12; Wellington west, south side, 7; Front west, north side, 22; Front west, south side, 27; Esplanade, 4; Piper street, 15. The chief sufferers are:

Pugsley, Dingman & Co. Toronto Soap Co., loss, \$100,000; inurance, \$80,000. W. R. Brock Co., dry goods, loss on

ock, \$600,000, with insurance \$540,-Ralph, Smith & Co., lithographers. Brown Bros., stationers, loss, \$300,000; nsurance, \$250,000. Gordon, Mackay & Co., dry goods, loss, \$550,000; insurance, \$400,000. Dignum & Moneypenny, woollen, loss,

\$100,000; insurance, \$55,000. Allcock, Light & Westwood, notions, loss. \$175,000. Andrew Muirhead, paints, loss, \$20,-W. J. Gage Co., stationery, loss, \$200,-

000; insurance, \$130,000. Ames Holden Co., shoes. Copp, Clark & Co., stationers, \$200,000; insurance, \$175,000. Warwick Bros. & Rutter, loss, \$200,-000; insurance, \$150,000. Gale Mfg. Co., whitewear, loss, \$125,-000; insurance, \$100,000. Office Specialty Co., loss, \$50,000; inurance, \$30,000.

Chas. Cockshutt & Co., woollens, loss, \$300,000; insurance, \$250,000. Eckhardt Casket Co., loss, \$200,000; nsurance, \$100,000. Wyld Darling Co., dry goods, loss, \$500,000; insurance, \$400,000. Dominion Fence Co., loss, \$125,000; nsurance, \$75,000.

Dantin Reid & Co., stationers, loss,

Gutta Percha & Rubber Co., loss,

\$500,000; insurance \$50,000.

\$200,000; insurance, \$150,000.

recommended by the medical profession as sale section of that city, has thrown a glers on the way to St. Louis for exhibit has played such havoc with the whole- sixteen Hindu snake charmers and juga safeguard against infectious diseases. . large number of commercial men into a tion.

Toronto, April 20.-Last night's de- | state of the greatest uncertainty. Many been burned out are now at the cotheir regular trips. The news of the has completely upset their plans, they are at a loss to know what co take. They are forced to business for the time being, and in f cases have wired back to their fir for instructions. In many cases lieved they will be recalled, as be found impossible to fill orders. A ing instructions from the heads of the

The effect of this conflagration v felt throughout the whole couneral ways. In the published factories. Thousands were thrown out J. Gage and Co., and Copp. Clark of employment.

Co., the former losing \$275,000. Bo these firms are well-known in every munity, which boasts a school his books. It is altogether likely that bot establishments have been wiped ou which event it will be a long time b can be replaced. In the meanting must necessarily be a marked dim tion, if not a total cos ply of school books. There was an un derstanding between Gage & Co. and Copp, Clark & Co. in connection with the school trade, the former furnishing text books for the common schools and the latter the high school publication This fire occurs at a particular fortunate time, as far as the local dea ers are concerned, as none stocked with the product of these firms One prominent bookseller said that or ders had been placed with Gage's rep esentative for midsummer, but he was stored in some place which escaped de a decided shortage this year.

THE CHANCELLOR'S

BUDGET PROPOSALS

There is a Deficit of More Than Nineteen Million Dollars to Be Made Up.

London, April 19.-The widespread terest in the presentation of the budget to-day was evidenced by the crowded state of the House of Commons, Long before the Chancellor of the Exchequer Secretary, who made his first public appearance since his return from abroad, met with a great reception from the occupants of the ministerial benches, while the Nationalists invited him to sing "Rule Britannia," and greeted him with shouts

'Austen Chamberlain, who rose shortly

before 4 p. m., opened his speech by expiating on the difficulties of his position, the great wave of prosperity which Great Britain had enjoyed so long hav-ing apparently spent its force and given place to a less prosperous cycle. The industries of Great Britain, especially the cotton industry, were depressed, and for eign competition was keener than ever The markets in which Great Britain heretofore had been supreme were increasingly threatened. The commercial de-pression in the United Kingdom was aggravated by the conditions in South Africa. The revenue for 1903-4 was \$13,620,000 below the estimates, while the expenditure exceeded the estimates by \$15,035,000. The repeal of the duty on wheat had been more costly than anticipated, without affording the cons the relief expected. The net total deficit for the financial year was \$27,025,000. Mr. Chamberlain estimated the expenditure for 1904-5 at \$714,400,000, and the revenue on the basis of existing tax ation at \$695,300,000, a deficit of \$19,-100,000 to be made up. He proposed therefore to increase the income tax by two cents, and an additional tax of four

The Chancellor further proposed a readjustment of the tobacco duties, im posing a duty of 81 cents on tobacco stripped before imported, also an additional duty of 12 cents on cigars and an additional 25 cents on foreign eigarette Mr. Chamberlain proposed also to raise the moisture limit to 32 per cent., and introduce three or four different rates in the drawbacks, which he hoped would in crease Great Britain's tobacco trade, especially to the colonies. The net gain by these tobacco changes was estimated

New York, April 21 .- The White Star line steamer Majestic, which arrived to-day from Liverpool and Queenstown, The disastrous fire in Toronto, which brought among her steerage passengers

MANY PASSENGERS ABOARD

Boat's Crew From the Cox, Lost From Sch Reach Astoria.

One hundred and twenty s

termediates, 123 Chinese a

ese, or a total of 373 pa gether with 2,529 tons of which were 2.267 packages New York and another la of gold specie from Hongko Francisco, made up the v which the R. M. S. Empre had aboard when she arriv the Orient on Tuesday. ber of the passengers deba ollows: H. Absell, Major C. R. Bancroft, P. Barlow, Bell, L. Berrick, A. Berth M. Berry, Miss E. Blacksto L. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. F. Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Brockn dren, H. B. Carter, S. S. C Casey, U. S. Grace, C. C. Chute, Miss M. B. Crans, A. D. Cranston, J. Crans Mrs. Davidson, C. H. De lacourcelle, Mrs. C. Dohert H. Donkin, Rev. Geo. and 1 and child, Rev. G. F. Dra Dunn, H. V. Elkington, Mis lish, E. Field, H. S. Finlay ming, Miss Francis, Rev. A. Grossman, F. B. Harr Hatzfield, Miss E. Hemn Hirst, F. Hocson, H. H. I Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Jenks Kien, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkla Misses G. C. and H. Knig Mrs. R. Laidlaw, A. E. I and Mrs. H. A. MacPhers Mrs. C. Miller, C. Moody, taigner, C. E. Muller, O. Miss Neild, Mrs. Noren, Mrs. L. S. Parker, Mr. and Dr. Polk, H. E. Reed, Li Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. child, Capt. A. D. Ricardo ardson, Lieut, H. W. F. Russell, Master W. Russel Mrs. T. D. Rust, Miss S Schmidt, Rev. and Mrs. Scholes, A. Schroader, G. Rev. Mrs. and Mrs. Stephe Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Stobie a Storer, Rev. Dr. Stuntz, son, K. Waragaya, F. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. We G. Webster, Rev. B. F. V. West, A. G. Wise, Capt. Ze The voyage of the ship a cific was uneventful and ple entire company aboard.

SEPARATED FROM S An Astoria dispatch

date says:
"After becoming separate ship and rowing aimlessly several days, three membe of the sealing schooner Car of Victoria, B. C., were br port last night by the steam R. Vosburg. The men, wh the steamship Tillamook. are white men and one is a "According to their story

schooner last Saturday m small boat while in sight Cape Mears. The weather the time, and by noon they two seals. Then the weath and they lost sight of the se sel for forty-eight hours. their water and provisions

exhausted, and they went a Mears. After remaining th and securing food, they star in search of the schooner. two more days they failed and the sea was getting ver returned to Cape Mears landing their small boat and they had a narrow drowning. They were the give up their search and s toria, their home port. Th sisted by the British consul Temporarily replacing Beatrice on the Seattle riship is receiving a cleaning

the Sound route. She will run ten days. By the expi time the Beatrice will succee Victoria will then, it is sai Charmer on the Victoria ver run, maintaining a sing til such time as the C. augurated its double-daily way schedule. The Beatrice, it is thou get the chance of receiving again this season, and advitherefore been taken of the portunity. She went arou

the new ferry Prin

Capt. Hickey, went out V

malt last evening, and w hauled out on the ways. entered service, last year, had an idle spell of any The Victoria, as previous is now in condition for the She went up to Ladysmith terday, and returning last mediately prepared to le Sound. When she was on was inspected by many marine fraternity, some exp pronounced her hull to hav

along lines incorporating the ideas in marine architectur.

Towards the stern the h to the propellers for marters the length of the propellers have thus comp disturbed waters to work i fected as little as possible other's churning. The shi