## Death Roll Is Growing

Two More Ordinary Seamen Added to List of Killed on The Battleship Missouri.

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Of an Accidental
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**Impressive Ceremonles Conduct** ed Over Graves of the ·Victims.

Pensacola, Fla., April 14.—Two more ordinary seamen who were injured in the terrible explosion on board the battleship Missouri, at target practice yesterday, are dead. One died about midnight and the other today, after terrible suffering. There is also one man of the turret crew missing from the ship. It is the general opinion that he was either blown overboard or else escaped from the turret and jumped overboard, being crazed with pain and the excitement that then prevailed on the ship.

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Expert turret officers of the vessels in port say that the explosion was the result of a "blow back," known as the wind blowing the flames back from the wind blowing the flames back from the open breach, blus igniting the powder change being hoisted. Captain Cowles and Lieut. Hammer, the ordnance officer, had taken extra precautions against such an accident, realizing that such could occur, and for three days no firing with the large pieces was done on account of the wind being off shore. Finally yesterday morning it shifted, and it was deemed safe to commence the faing.

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....... LONG VOYAGE. Manila, April 14.—The United States auxiliary cruiser and the torpedo flotilla commanded by Lieut. Chaudler arrived at Cavite today from Hampton Roads. This is the longest voyage ever made by a vessel of the torpedo boat type.

FLAG ON PERESVIET.

Paris, April 15.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo De Paris says it is believed that Viceroy Alexieft, who is temporarily in command of the Russian deet at Port Arthur, will hoist his flag on the battleship Peresviet,

# Togo D'd it

Both Russian And Japanese Advices Say Battleship

Story Indicating That Makaroff
Played Part of a Real
Hero.

All information tends to prove that
a mine was responsible for the destruction of the Petropaylovsk.

The scene below will never be described as, so far as known, not a single person between decks succeeded in eaching a plece of wreckage, to which he clung. The Duke was in searching. The box steams which the water about twenty minutes before the death met by those in the enjineroom.

St. Petersburg, says that after a fierce fight between torpedo boats in the night of April 12th, the squadron went summing and grasping the wreckage of the men on deck were thrown in all directions, those falling into the water about twenty minutes before the was picked up by a torpedo boat. Lieut. Von Kobe was also found swimming and was picked up.

Captain Yekrovieff was thrown against a stalled, Grand Duke Cyrff's injuries were swilled. Grand Duke Cyrff's injuries were swilled in the disposition of the neck, his legs were burned and he suffered a serious shock. He was tak-

# St. Petersburg, April 15.—(5.52 a. m.)—Rumors are current here that Vice Admiral Togo sent in a number of steamers on the night of March 31st and succeeded in sinking several of them and in blocking the channel of Port Arthur. The rumors cannot be confirmed at this hour. The date referred to by the correspondent in the above despatch, March 31st, is probably according to the old style calendar, by which the event would have taken place on April 12th, according to the new style calendar. Russians Reiterate that a Mine was Richard Structure. OF BATTLESHIP PETROPAVLOVSK

Russians Reiterate that a Mine was Responsible for Branch Disaster—Graphic Description of Terrible Havoc Wrought.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—The Associated Press obtained tonight what is practically the official version of the sinking of the battleship Petropaylovsk at Port Arthur, and it clears up, to a great extent, the mysterious features of that vessel's destruction. This version is as follows:

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Rear Admiral Uriu's statement that bridge, and the base of his skull struck on an iron staunchion. Fortunately be officers and members of the crew were at breakfast on the flagship. Vice Admiral Makaroft was eating breakfast in his cabin and the wardroom was crowded with officers. On the bridge Grand Duke Cyril, his friend and two other officers were on watch, examining to the narrow entrance preparatory to entering it.

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That the Petropavlovsk was blown up by a mine placed at the entrance to the harbor to prevent the blocking of the channel is the opinion entertained by the general staff. There is a disposition in some circles here to raise a controversy as to whether the explosion occurred inside or outside the battle-ship.

## ONE OF THE BATTERIES AT PORT ARTHUR



AFTER A BOMBARDMENT BY THE JAPANESE.

This photograph was secured by Mr. MacKenzle, of the London Mail, who was compelled to return to Tokio owing to the accidental breaking of his leg by a fall from his horse. The photograph was received by THE COLONIST from its war correspondent.

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Paris, April 15.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo De Paris, ander this morning's date, sends the following: "I learn that a firm opinion prevails in official circles, based on telegrams from the surviving officers, that the loss of the Petropavdovsk, and the injuries to the Pobieda, were caused by torpedoes launched by the Japanese and by submarine vessels. Igunched by the Japanese and by submarine vessels.

Hitherto it had not been believed that the Japanese had any submarine boats, but it is now admitted that such boats might have been received on the cruisers bought from Argentina and brought out from Genoa by British crews.

It is difficult to verify this, but the admiralty is of the opinion that the cruisers brought out two submarine vessels.

Did Submerine Do It?

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ON ANOTHER CHARGE.

San Francisco, April 14.—Mrs. Cordella Botkin appeared today in Police Judge Comlin's court for her preliminary examination on the charge of poisoning Mrs. Joshua Deane, of Dover, Del. BRITISHER COMPENSATED.

Washington, April 14.—President Roosevelt today sent to congress a message recommending an appropriation of \$25,000 to compensate William R. Radcliffe, a British subject, for loss of property by a mob in Colorado in 1901.

## News Notes of

Sensational Evidence in Montreal Libel Case Creates Some Excitement.

Handsome Price Realized For One of Winnipeg's Prominent Hotels.

Montreal, April 14.—Some sensational vidence was given today in the Cookevidence was given today in the CookBlackly libel suit. In the first place
commbers of the firm of Moat & Co.,
stock brokers, swore that on June 6th
of Crown Prosecutor Cook paid them five
hundred dollars in five one hundred dollar bills on a call for more margin on
stocks. S. W. Jacobs had sworn that
he had paid Cook this amount, also in
five one hundred dollar bills, the day
previously, but Cook had denied that he
had received it. In the second place,
a man named Weiner, who was arrested in connection with the case of a St.
John, N. B., man named Kominsky,
and who was charged with conspiring
to defraud the creditors of the latter,
swore that he had been given a great
deal of trouble in connection with the
case until he was told that things could
be made easy by putting \$2,500 for the
kawyers for the prosecution. He did so,
and afterwards had no trouble escaping with a nominal sentence. The lawyers for the prosecution were Jacobs
and Cook. The case has created much
excitement in legal and commercial
circles.

Mr. Macoun, of the geological survey,
rimmed Mr. Oliver, the member for
alberta to a standstill before the agriculture committee today. Mr. Oliver
charged Mr. Macoun with being biased in his report on the Peace river country. Macount retorted that Mr. Olivre's constituents were down on him by
reason of the fact that a former report
of his resulted in the stopping of this resulted in the stopping of his resulted in the stoppi Blackly libel suit. In the first place

WINNIPEG HOTEL SOLD.

Winnipeg, April 14.—The Leland ho tel, one of the most prominent hotel buildings in Winnipeg, changed hands today. The purchaser is Mr. E. J. Hochon, of Fort William, a well-known hotelman and also popular as one of the best curlers in the West. The purchas-ing price is \$120,000. PROLIFIC HABITANTS.

Quebec, April 14.—Mrs. Ferdinand Levallee died at Capsante at the age of 87 years. Her maiden name was Gertrude Matte, and, following the custom of the time, she was married when only 13 years of age. Of this marriage 17 children were born, mostly boys. All are married and have large families. The deceased has 103 grandchildren.

COLONEL OCCUPE MERCOLONG.

MURDERER COMMITTED. Halifax, April 14.—Henry Loutillier to attack Port Arthur. was committed for trial on the charge of murdering Charles White at St. After the official bulletins had been dissued this afternoon, there was talk of the possibility of the possibili

## Closes Yukon Commission

Hon. Sifton States That instruc. tions Will Be Issued to That End.

The Upper Chamber Resumes Sessions After one Month's Recess.

Mounted Infantry is About to Take A Practical Shape.

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The Senate resumed tonight after nearly a month's recess. Mr. Danville gave notice of a bill to make the king shilling a legal tender.

Steps are being taken by the militing department to convert a number of infantry and rifle regiments throughout Canada into cavalry corps. This is an idea recognized as Lord Dundonald's, as mounted troops will play an important part in the defence of Canada.

In the senate today Immigration Commissioner Preston was severely criticised for having advised Englishmen to oppose Chamberlain's preferential policy.

In the House an animated discussion

In the House an animated discussion took place regarding the government's shirking answers to questions put by the opposition. As a result the govern-ment hereafter will furnish fuller re-plies.

Official Report of Loss of Torpedo Boat, and Damage to Probleda.

St. Petersburg Again Plunged Into Grief By News From

other battleship, was almost as severe COLONEL OTTER IMPROVING.
Toronto, April 14.—Colonel Otter's condition is reported much improved, all bad symptoms having disappeared. take advantage of this terrible accident

After the official bulletins had been Margaret's Bay last week.

CANADIAN BISHOPS.

Kingston, April 14.—The house of bishops meets at 4 o'clock this afternoon to consider important matters, chief of which is the selection of a metropolitan of Canada in succession to the late Archbishop Machray, of Rupert's Land.

VANDERBILTS HONORED.

Syracuse, Sicily, April 14.—Emperor William of Germany went on board Cornelius Vanderbilt's yacht, North Star, on the yacht's arrival today and remained for an hour conversing, amiably with Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt and members of their party.

Of the possibility of the destruction of the Pobleda are not obtainable by thaving been caused by a submarine boat, but this received little credence in official circles. Four candidates are now mentioned to succeed Admiral Makaroff, Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, Chairman Denissoff, Rear-Admiral Rojestvenssy and Vice-Admiral Choukunink.

It is confirmed that the Grand Duke candidate in juries to this father reports that the wounded of the proposition of the destruction of the proposition of the pro of the possibility of the destruction of

## **Meeting of The** Agriculturis

Committee Report Results Conference at Royal

The Victoria Exhibition] Will Held About the End

of September. (From Thursday's Daily.)

well attended meeting of the A well attended meeting of the I ish Columbia Agricultural Associat was held last night in the city hill Mayor Barnard occupied the chatsome length His Worship went if the matter of the committees visit New Westminster last week regard the proposed change of dates of Westminster exhibition. His Wors said that although they had been ceived very cordially, the Westmins people had apparently made up the minds long before the committee arred not to fall in with Victoria's ide as they were unanimous in leaving dates as fixed, and would not hear any changes. His Worship then I seented the following report:

Board of Management British Columbia

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Board of Management British Colvidia Agricultural Association:
Gentlemen:—The last meeting of yoboard was held on January 13, 19 At that meeting you elected Dr. Toh and Mr. M. Baker to be members the executive. On the 24th of Feb ary the city clerk notified the secrets that the city council had appointed A Fell and Mr. H. B. Thompson to repsent them as members of the executive. It was also decided that the exhibition should be held on October 4th the 8th. It being then understood the New Westminster exhibition wou take place on the 27th, 28th, 29th a 30th of September, practically the san week as they had last year. Unfortunately, instead, New Westminster ocided on October 4th, 5th, 6th and 7. Thus the two dates clashed. It wou not be advisable to have two exhibitions running at the same time, and we were to hold our exhibition aft New Westminster the dates would October 11th to 15th. This is considered to be too late in the year, the ave age rainfall at that time for ten year being greater than the previous wee as shown by official returns.

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Your executive appointed Mayor Barnard and Ald. Fell, Beckwith an Stewart to attend as representative of this association at New Westminster on the Royal Agricultural and Industria Association at New Westminster on the Sth instant, called by them for the purpose of considering and discussing the changing of dates.

Your representatives and the representatives of Chiliwack duly attended this meeting, and spoke thereat, setting forth the reasons for such change. A resolution, however, was passed deciding not to change the dates of the exhibition of the changed from those previously decided upon to September 27, 28, 29, 30 and October 1st. For the reason that it would not be advisable to hold the exhibition at the same time as New Westminster, nor would it he advisable to hold the exhibition at the same time as New Westminster, nor would it he advisable to hold the exhibition at the same time as New Westminster, nor would it he advisable to hold the exhibition at the same time as New Westminster, nor would it he advisable to hold the exhibition at the same time as New Westminster, nor would it he advisable to hold the exhibition at the same time as New Westminster, nor would it he advisable to ho

rewould not be advisable to hold the exhibition at the same time as New (Westminster, nor would it be advisable to hold it so late in October as would have to be done in holding it after New Westminster. Kamloops has decided on the 28th, 29th and 30th. The proposed change in the dates, it is to be regretted, would clash with them. This would not be so serious except that their principal attraction is horse racing, and the horses attending there come also to ours. But it seems impossible to arrange otherwise.

The government grant this year has been reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000. A large and representative body of this association awaited on the Premier and asked that the grant be increased. It was promised that the matter should be considered and we would be informed later. As yet no reply has been received.

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A very strong committee was appointed to canvass the citizens for collections, and the thanks of this board are due them for the interest and energy they have displayed in making collections, and it is hoped that the \$3,000 mark may be reached.

A number of committees have been appointed to consider any alterations to the prize list. It will be possible to thave it in the hands of the printers at an early date.

Your executive are putting forth every effort to obtain the Dominion government grant for an exhibition to be held in 1905. It is understood that the province will receive this grant, and it is to be hoped that Victoria will be selected for it.

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It was decided to allow the executive to amend the regulations except those referring to cattle, which latter will remain the same as last year.

After some discussion as to the rates the charged attractions, the meeting

JAPAN'S PREPAREDNESS,

Probably the world has never seen preparedness for a great war carried on so quietly and secretly, and yet so completely, as is the case in Japan's preparation to meet Russia. During the past few months I have often called to mind an incident of some eight years ago. I was standing in the tower of Nagoya Castle looking out over the wide plain surrounding the barracks. I could see large squads of cavalry maneuvering in one direction; in another plain were infantry going through all sorts of tactics, not simply ordinary drill, but scaling high walls and performing various difficult feats; in the distance another squad was building pontoon bridges, and, as I cast my eye over the field, alive in all directions with men training. I turned to the Japanese officer standing by my side and remarked: "If you keep on training as enthusiastically as this, you will be able to conquer Russia by and by." The officer looked me up and down, as deliberating whether he should make reply or not, and then answered in even more laconic Japanese than the English language permits, "That is what we intend to do."

Soon after the China-Japan war, when Japan entered upon an extensive plan of Soon after the China-Japan war, when Japan entered upon an extensive plan of naval and military expansion, the world said, "She has lost her head. Her victory has puffed her up; why does she not settle down to extensive." has puffed her up; why does she not settle down to commercial advancement and educational expansion, instead of wasting her time merely on military expansion and going about with a chip on her shoulder? Time has proved the wisdom of her course. It would seem that Japan saw the future to course of Russia then as clearly as the world sees it today. Had not Japan begun then her preparation for the present situation she would have found it impossible to meet it in the marvelous way that sake is doing. Careful plans for self-defense have been maturing from year to year, though, of course, the past year has 0 seen the work of preparation carried on much more rapidly than before.—John L. a Dearing, in The World Today for April.