AGAINST THE RUSSIANS

Spreading---Preparing to Cut Off Small Troops.

of the Invalidity of Japan's Protectorate of Korea-

PRICE TWO CENTS.

JAPS LOSE FOUR VESSELS; BUT COME BACK UNDAUNTED

Four Merchantmen With Which They Intended to Block Channel Were Destroyed --- A Second Attempt Repulsed.

BOMBARDMENT OF PORT ARTHUR NOW GOING ON?

Battleship Retvizan, Supposed to Have Been Disabled, Beats Off the Entire Japanese Terpedo Fieet-Fight Raged fer Four Hours, Fortresses Within Harbor Assisting.

Rumors are in circulation here this af- other Japanese ship was burned, and ternoon to the effect that a bombardment of Port Arthur is now going on. these wrecks are not warships; but, staff of Viceroy Alexieff) telegraphs as follows under today's date:

"The enemy again attacked Port Arthur from 1 to 3 a.m. and was everywhere repulsed. Details follow."

THE ATTACK THAT FAILED. Japs Made Desperate Attempt to

Boule Up the Russians. Port Arthur, Feb. 25. - At about 1 o'clock yesterday morning the Japanese made a desperate attempt to block the entrance of the inner harbor and dock. With this object four merchant accompanied by vessels, were sent from two sides towards the entrance of the channel. The movement was perceived by the Retvizan, which was lying in the channel and which opened fire immediately. At the same time the guns of the forts on the Tiger Peninsula, Golden Hill and Electric Cliff were turned upor the enemy, and a furious cannonade ensued, lasting until 5 in the morning Then fire slackened and became desultory. The Japanese had failed to effect their purpose. All four steamers were sunk. They are lying in the fol lowing positions

One behind Golden Hill, one near the Retvizan, two between the entrance o the channel and the Lao Thie Shar Two of the vessels are still burning

TORPEDO BOATS SAFE.

Wednesday, Feb. 24.

London, Feb. 25. - 6:05 p.m. - The

Brilish foreign office has received an

official dispatch saying that not one

of the Japanese torpedo boats was in-

ARE PROBABLY HULKS.

Jan Loss Consisted of Six Decrepit

Transports.

Paris, Feb. 25. - Additional details

entrance of the harbor of Port Arthur

have been received from most author-

itative quarters. These say that the

Japanese sent over six old transport

of sinking the hulks at the entrance

jured in the attack on Port Arthur on

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25 - 6 p.m. - in Tiger Bay, that along the shore anthat a fourth lies wrecked on the shore outside Tiger Bay. It is believed that Major-General Pflug (the chief of hulks, designed to be sunk at the entrance of the harbor. The wrecks are said to be at considerable distances from the harbor entrance, which re-

mains open. This report gives no information concerning the Japanese fleet which is said to have supported the operations ships. against Port Arthur.

RETVIZAN FOUGHT WELL. To Gallant Work of Russian Eattleship Repulse Was Due.

the harbor entrance for her gallant the other sank upon Golden Hill. work in beating off the enemy. Her Retzivan observed four steamers in a part in the action shows that the resinking condition and eight torpedo ports of the injuries which she is said boats departing slowly to rejoin the to have sustained in the attack of Feb. waiting Japanese warships. A porwere grossly exaggerated.



ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO. Minister of Marine - Promoter Japan's Naval Expansion.

steamers filled with explosives among the Russian fleet in Port Arthur har-These' fireships did no damage, and were themselves destroyed, two being sunk and two going ashore. Two Japanese boats escorting the fireships were destroyed by Russian

ALEXIEFF'S REPORT. Official Account of the Repulse to the Japanese.

St. Petersburg, Thursday, Feb. 25-No further details were available this morning of the unsuccessful attempt Alexieff to the Czar says: "At a quarof the Japanese to bottle up the Rus- ter before 3 in the morning of sian fleet at Port Arthur by sinking Feb. 23, numerous torpedo boats atbig merchantmen at the mouth of the harbor. The brief details contained in the official dispatches indicate that the with inflammables. The Retzivan was coup was planned, according to the with inflammables. The Retzivan was usual Japanese tactics, to take place the first to observe the torpedo boats, during the night, and that it was des- and opened a strong fire on them. She perately pushed and backed by eight was supported by the land batteries, torpedo boats, which continued fight- She destroyed two steamers near the ing until daylight, but, that it failed entrance of the harbor. They were coming directly towards her. One Great praise is given to the Russian them went on the rocks near the battleship, Retvizan, which lay outside lighthouse on Tiger Peninsula, and

tion of the crews of the Japanese ves-The cruisers Bayan and Novik pursued the Japanese torgedo flotilla. It clear the exact number of ships sent is observed in the offing of Port Arthur in two lines. The Japanese crews saved themselves in boats, and it is possible that some of them were pick ed up by the enemy's torpedo boats proceeding to examine the coasts. The entrance of the harbor is open. I attribute the complete de-

rangement of the enemy's plan to the tion of the Panama Canal treaty rebrilliant action and destructive fire of the Retvizan. Floating mines are still visible in the roadstead. I have recalled the three cruisers sent in pur- of the marines from the isthmus. Desuit of the enemy in order, in the first place, to clear the roadstead of floating mines. We had no losses." The crowds at the admiralty and declare that the Colombians are ready newspaper and telegraph agency offices increased during the night and that the treaty has been ratified. One the excitement attained the fever-point when it is known that the Emperor had received a telegram giving more details and showing the Russian victory was even greater than at reported. When the report was distributed at the admiralty at 2:30 o'clock this morning, a rush was made for the exits, and the assembled officers cheered wildly and repeatedly.

The crowds showed no inclination to disperse, hoping that further news should be received showing the extent of Russian victory.
It must be observed that in his dispatch Viceroy Alexieff does not is said that one of the torpedo boats in for the purpose of blocking the which the Japanese tried to sink or throat of the harbor or whether the drive upon the Russian ships, and At about 9 a.m. a Japanese squadron four vessels destroyed were beached it is not yet known whether the four vessels, the captain of the Retzi-Consequently all the unknown ad- van, observed going down, in addiordered to face the Japanese ships, ditional details are expected from Vice- tion to the two destroyed, were also which, however, did not open fire, and afterwards steamed away in the direction of the Bort Delay. As he is at Mukden the report of the they were warships.

commander at Port Arthur first goes Viceroy Alexieff's dispatch was in The cruiser Pallada has entered the to him, and thence is forwarded to amplification of a briefer telegram relight floating torpedoes were seen in the roadstead causes anxiety.

According to the latest advices the was said that Russia had sustained regressions.

Ceived by the Emperor, earlier, but regroes from riding in Pullman sleepers, diners and chair cars.

The bill gives conductors of Pullman According to the latest advices the was said that Russia had sustained Japanese fleet yesterday was still visino losses in the engagement. The news of the Japanese repulse was received here with great rejoicing and was looked upon as partially wip-roy Alexieff mentioning a temporary

ing out the score against the enemy.

The official bulletins were given out too late for editorial comment, but the

Stories to the effect that the Japannews of success of the Russian arms ese designed an attempt at landing sively. was prominently displayed. Not one of in Pigeon Bay, at the same time an the newspapers here has yet received engagement occurred, are not menspecial dispatches giving news of the assumed these are without founda-

HAS TOGO SUCCEEDED? has telegraphed warm congratulations Steams Away From Port Arthur With His Entire Fleet.

> London, Thursday, Feb. 25.-Viceroy Alexieff's dispatch to the Czar con-cerning the last Port Arthur affair

> vessels were observed steaming slowly Another explanation of completeness of Admiral Togo's squadron, as seen

> Arthur. The reports that the Japanese bat-

The war office tells the Associated SUING THE M. C. R.

Press that there is no truth whatever companying cold wave have increased in the rumor published yesterday by which was the manchester Dispatch that the first was the was the was the same and was the was t ments of the war, on which subject the two cabinets are keeping in the closest

ister of war and practically the dicta-tor of Korea, and considered a friend of Russia, was taken by the Japanese when they entered Chemulpo, and on the same night put on board of a war-ship which took him to Japan. He went on board in court dress.

THE WAR SITUATION.

A substantial Russian victory is at last recorded. Japan fails completely in an attempt to block the entrance to Port Arthur harbor with four merchantmen, all of which were destroyed by the Russian guns, the battleship Retvizan, supposed to have been disabled, doing effective work. Apparently no Jap warships were injured, as Admiral Tego was seen proceeding. One dispatch says the Japs returned to the attack and were again repulsed, and that Port Arthur was being bombarded. Russia is greatly cheered by this setback to the enemy. Manchurians are said to be rising against the Russians, and are well supplied with money and ammunition. Five thousand Russian troops have been dispatched to the center of the conspiracy. Nothing is known definitely of the operations in Korea, but has been repeatedly stated that the Russians are well south of the Yalu. Russia's protest to the powers against a Japanese protectorate of Korea is causing much speculation in the various capitals as to the outcome of the situation. Chinese and Russian troops have had a clash in northern China, and further

THE COLOMBIANS HAVE VOWED WAR

Will Advance On Panama Now That the Canal Treaty Has Been Ratified.

New York, Feb. 25. - A cable from Panama to the Herald says ratificasulted in the immediate recall of the United States warships and about half spite Colombia's international disturbances, letters just received from there to fight as soon as the news arrives general in Cartagena is quoted as saying that if the Government does no declare war the troops on the border will invade Panama anyhow.

The last information from the coast is that another regiment of soldiers has been sent from Cartagena to the frontier.

If the Colombians carry out the threat to attack they can not reach the railroad section as fast as vessels can be sent from any part of the United States after news of the advance

BILL AGAINST NEGROES

Measure in Virginia to Prevent Riding in Pullman Cars.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 24.—Carefully drawn, so as not to conflict with the constitution of the United States, a bill was offered in the Legislature to prevent and other transportation companies full power to exclude any and all passengers who, in their judgment should not be allowed to ride. The expectation is that negroes will be the only ones so ex-It is said that there has been considerable complaint that the wealthier negroes

patronize the Pullman cars very exten-SORTING DURING VOYAGE. London, Feb. 25. - Postoffice officials from New York are on board the steamer Oceanic, which left Queens town today for New York, inaugurating a new arrangement for British

mail steamers, the sorting of letters

during a voyage.

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW-FAIR AND COLD. Toronto, Feb. 24-8 p.m.

Extremely cold weather continues in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and it is moderately cold in Ontario and Quebec. Light snowfalls have occurred today in Ontario and the Maritime Prov-inces, while in other districts the weather has been for the most part fair.
Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Friday -Fair and cold. TEMPERATURES. 8 a.m. Min.

Cloudy Father Point WEATHER NOTES. The Northwest high area and its ac-

two cabinets are keeping in the closest touch with each other, there is good reason to believe that a settlement of all matters in dispute betwen France and Great Britain is on the eve of be-

FIELD-MARSHAL YAMAGATA, Chief of the general staff of the army.

tically Wiped Out.

Conneaut Harbor, Ohio, Feb. 25.

CHEERS FOR BALFOUR

Warmly Welcomed Upon His Return to House of Commons.

London, Feb. 25. - Premier Balfour on his first appearance today in the House of Commons since his was greeted with warm cheers. Replying to a question he confirmed the Feb. 20, that there was no truth in the reports that Great Britain intended to eize certain points on the Spanish coast in the event of a continental war.

MANCHURIANS ARE RISING Ten Thousand Enrolled and the Movement Is Rapidly THEY HAVE PLENTY OF AMMUNITION AND MONEY Believed at Paris That the Powers Will Support Russia's View

BIG FIRE AT CONNEAUT

Business Portion of the Town Prac-

Among the buildings burned were the or money, for the patriotic rich are sub-Mutual block and the Marine Bank scribing. building, with their contents including THAT PROTECTORATE. the Marine Bank, the postoffice and several stores. Loss estimated at \$100,-000, partially covered by insurance.

ly arise when the terms of peace opinion here is strongly sympathetic with Russia's position, and it is coners protesting against Japan's violation made in these dispatches of Korean Russia's international rights as the protest antedates the official announcement of the conclusion of the

between this country and Spain are and are likely to remain of a most friendly character. The Premier added that there appeared to be no truth in the rumor that terday. Spain was mobilizing her forces, although she was strengthening some of

"I am glad to say that the relations

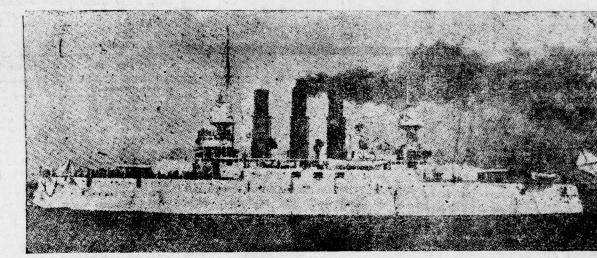
Seize Big Consignment of Beef for Russians. New York, Feb. 25. — According to Washington to the Herald says of the a cable from Che Foo to the World, Japan treaty with Korea: "There Manchuria is rising against the Rus-sians. Five thousand troops have been (France) will accept this Oriental allisians. Five thousand troops have been ance against Russia. Korea is not a moved from Mukden to Sunnintung, strong power, but it is pointed out her because in the villages along the west assistance to Japan may easily assume side of Liao Tung Peninsula the natives are expected to undertake the control are making active preparations to cut of the Corean army, which can easily off small bodies of Russian troops there. be recruited up to a strength of 30,000 Ten thousand Manchurians have al- men. might be sufficient menace to Russia ready been enrolled in the movement, Fire today practically wiped out the which is spreading. Volunteers are to cause France to protest that the business portion of Conneaut Harbor, plenty. There is no lack of ammunition principle of confining the struggle to the two powers, Russia and Japan, was violated. The not which Mr. Hay sent

> pose of uniting for the preservation of Paris, Feb. 25. — It is the belief in China's neutrality was to prevent more the highest official quarters that the powers being involved." powers will support the Russian view

> GUARDSHIPS FOR PT. ARTHUR. St. Petersburg, Feb. 25, - The bating to the Emperor's being under dur- be temporarily employed at Port Aress. But, it is said that no immediate thur as guardships, in which capacity it has been decided their formidable quired, as the question of the recog- guns can be utilized to good advantage. nition of the protectorate will definite- It has been found that the necessary repairs to these ships can only be made the dock at Vladivostock, so the considered. In the meantime official in and remain at Port Arthur until cirsidered that Russia's note to the pow- cumstances will permit of their being

> The rumors that the savings bank will not meet the demands for the repayment of deposits in consequence the war are emphatically denied by the treaty. The foreign office considers the Official Messenger.

> incement confirmatory of the view FOOD FOR THE JAPS. Nagasaki, Feb. 24. — The Japanese designed to reserve all her rights and overnment has seized 670 tons of mess eef, which was shipped from San Francisco on the steamer Korea, Feb. 2, and which was consigned to the Rusas announced in these dispatches yessian Government at Vladivostock. It is thought that the Japanese Govern-



of the invalidity of the Japanese treaty

with Korea, so far as it creates a Ja-

panese protectorate over Korea, ow-

action on the part of the powers is re-

that Russia's protest to the powers wa

to prevent international acceptance of

the treaty establishing a protectorate

WHAT WILL FRANCE DO?

neutrality fully protects

Russian Battleship Retzivan which covered itself with glory in the big fight at Port Arthur,

FOR ALMA COLLEGE

THE BAGDAD RAILROAD

German-Russian Alliance in Persia Unknown to Great Britain.

London, Feb. 25. — Replying to a question in the House of Commons today the foreign under secrétary, Earl cil asking for a grant of \$15,000 for Percy, said the Government was not Alma College. The college is \$40,000 aware of any negotiations between in debt and requires \$10,000 for repairs. Germany and Russia, whereby, as an nounced in some newspapers, in return for Germany affording Russia give \$25,000 if a like sum is raised, certain advantages Russia would support Germany in re- the council, and the balance by prigard to Bagdad Railroad question and vate subscription, and so put the colgeneral extension of German pre- lege on its feet. ominance in Asia Minor.

THE BRANTFORD MURDER

No New Evidence In the Trial of Joseph Kennedy.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 25. - The The prosecution has not yet produced

A SCANDAL AT NOME

Russian Countess Charged With Attempting Murder.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 25. — A special to the Post Intelligencer, from Dawson, says that Count and Countess Moracewaski are in Nome jail charged An Address to Canadian Club Canadian position was this. We Canwith attempting to murder Captain Wm. Gilpin, a former friend. bonds are fixed at \$5,000. The trouble took place at the Russian mission. where the countess tried to shoot the captain. She did not succeed, because he had taken the powder out of the cartridges.

FIRE AT ST. STEPHENS. St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 25. - Fire last night damaged the John D. Bon-

was totally destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$2,500, partly covered by insurance. The fire started in the basement,

Massey Estate Will Give \$25,000 If Like Sum Is Raised.

St. Thomas, Feb. 25. - A deputation the war and it is proposed to get \$15,000 from

CASTELLANE ANNOYS POPE

Visit Causes Displeasure.

Rome, Feb. 25. - Count Boni de Kennedy murder trial is still in prog- Castellane, who married Miss Anna ress. The prisoner this morning is Gould, of New York, has succeeded in bright and cheerful, and takes in every- raising a storm at the Vatican by an he has rights regarding the expendinew evidence from what was which he urges that it is inadvisable given at the police court in the first for Mme. Loubet to accompany her

dent is not an official person and ridicules the idea of using Mme. Loubet as intermediary between the Vatican and the French Government. At the Vatican much displeasure is felt over the publication of the article on the part of a Roman Catholic because of the danger of unsettling agreement recently concluded with the

THE BALLOT SCANDAL

Application For Injunction Against Presiding Judge Dismissed.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 25. - Mr. Justice Britton gave judgment this morning dismissing the application for an injunction to restrain Judge Winchester from proceeding with the election in-French Count's Criticism of Loubet's vestigation. His lordship finds that the plaintiff, Richard Lane, has no right whatever to ask interference in that branch of the investigation dealing with the election officials already committed for trial, nor with article published in the Gaulois, in ture of public money, but these have

The investigation will proceed tohusband on his coming visit to Rome. morrow, when Sam Thompson, the D. He asserts that the wife of the Presi-R. O., will probably tell his story.

A Broad Hint to Uncle Sam to Keep Hands Off Canada

On the Sovereignty of Hudson Bay.

dian Club dinner last night, W. F. it is in the interest of all the con-

certain way. His way of putting the tion.

adians are on this continent to stay. We believe that there is room on the North American continent for at least two free and independent Englishspeaking nations, and that Canada Toronto, Ont., Feb. 25.—At the Cana- must and shall be one of these. That tinent that there should be two ex-MacLean, M. P., discussed the Hudson periments in free government, instead of one great cross republic, dominatlast night damaged the John D. Bohn ness building to the extent of \$2,500, destroyed the drygoods stock of W. J. for aught the public knew, the United tegrity of our country, by the acquiesing the whole. That we intend to mainbook and stationery stock, worth \$3,500; caused considerable loss to the St.
Croix Jewelry Company, and damaged
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Canadian sea. Mr. MacLean said we
of the United States in they chose to accord it, in spite of them if we must. That the undoubted sovereignty of the Hudson Bay is in Canada, and States authorities, have set up claims cence of the United States if they chose the New Brunswick Telephone office. had often heard of the Munroe doctrine that we look to the mother country if which our neighbors were always as- we may, to ourselves, if we must, for DESTROYED BY FIRE. Which our heighbors were always as the upholding of that position. That Newfoundland and Labrador are debrick residence of Mr. John Williams, called neighbors of ours had never had sirable factors in the completion of the 12th concession of Brant Township, the magnanimity to admit our co-equal territorial integrity of Canada on the

had sufficiently recovered his health to come from Brighton to this city today to preside at a cabinet meeting. Prior to the meeting the French ambassador. M. Cambon, called at the foreign office sor Bricklayers' and Masons' Union tleships or transports were sunk are Quebec and had an hour's talk with Foreign at a meeting last night decided to WAR NOTES. Secretary Lansdowne. The ambassador stand against the open shop proposireturned here from Paris last night, tion. and, apart from an exchange of views in regard to the most recent developtwo cabinets are keeping in the closest

Early Settlement of All Matters ing arranged. Such questions as Egypt, Morocco, Newfoundland, etc., have been fully discussed by the two governments for some months, and the difference observed steaming slowly away from Port Arthur, and as the and France Expected. to prevent an early signature of a the two injured vessels might have London, Feb. 25. - Premier Balfour stacles to a complete accord between

ble on the horizon.

Japanese repulse.

FERRY FOR CARRYING TRAINS AND TROOPS ACROSS LAKE BAIKAL Which makes a big break in the trans-Siberian Railroad.

of considerable size approached Port by the fire from the shore.

Arthur, and the Bayan and Novik were Consequently all the unl

of the Japanese attempt to close the ALEXIEFF CONGRATULATED.

hulks, convoyed by torpedo boats, to able manner in which they repulsed

Port Arthur with the evident purpose the lafest attack of the Japanese.

Balfour Back at Business;

Has a Talk With M. Cambon

of the harbor. The battleship Retviz- LONDON'S ACCOUNT.

ferences are being gradually eliminat- Japanese fleet was going at full speed ed, until practically nothing remains off Wei Hei Wei, it is presumed that treaty removing all outstanding ob- gone elsewhere to repair. the two powers.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25/ - The Czar

to Viceroy Alexieff and the entire Rus-

sian squadron at Port Arthur on the

AGAINST THE OPEN SHOP.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 25. - The Windand the Sheet Metal Workers' Union taken here with some allowance.

an discovered their approach and her London, Thursday, Feb. 25.-A disconfirms the opinion that Admiral Togo fire on them was strongly seconded by patch to Reuter's Telegram Company, made a daring attempt to bottle up that of the shore battery north of Port from St. Petersburg, sent at 11 o'clock the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, and Arthur. The report adds that two last night, says that on Feb. 23, the although Viceroy Alexieff asserts that Japanese ships were wrecked and lie Japanese attempted to send four the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur is still free, the fact that Admiral Togo's fleet, minus the vessels

injured in the courageous exploit, was seen steaming at full speed in a southeastern course from Wei Hei southeastern course from Wei Hei Wei, is interpreted as an indication of the Japanese admiral's satisfaction with the accomplishment of his design.

Mindium and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 30 below—20 below; Victoria, 36—44; Kamloops, 10—30; Calgary, 12 below—84; Kamloops, 10—30; Calgary, 12 below—85 below—6 below; Port Arthur, 6 below—12; Parry Sound, 2—12; Toronto, 14—22; Ottoria, 36—44; Kamloops, 10—30; Calgary, 12 below—85 below—6 below; Port Arthur, 6 below—12; Parry Sound, 2—12; Toronto, 14—22; Ottoria, 36—44; Kamloops, 10—30; Calgary, 12 below—13; Calgary, 12 below—14; Kamloops, 10—30; Calgary, 12 below—15; Calgary, 12 below—15; Calgary, 12 below—16; Calgary, 12 be

It is pointed out here that it would tawa, 4-18; Montreal, 2-14; Quebec, 6-12; be difficult for the Russians at night Halifax, 22-36. off Wei Hei Wei, is that he possibly left some vessels at watch off Port

FORECASTS. Thursday, Feb. 25-8 a.m. Today-Strong northwesterly winds; fair and cold: temperatures, zero or be-

Montreal ..