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ONS FOR NICARAGUA. , Nicaragua, April 22.—The steamer Ometepe, from Ha-arrived in Nicaraguan waters assignment of war munitions in Cuba. It is rumored that afterence will take place short-hada, in the Gulf of Fonseca, are stilled as of Honduras.

he presidents of and San Salvador INFORMATION.

NIPEG WIRINGS. April 22,—Hugh John was elected president of the Rifle Association last evenbers favored calling the Dotting in August, as the Septe prevents many western going to Ottawa. At the entire in the control of the province, we will be a first the province, as were cremated by a first out in the corral of H. I have a large livery stable at Medearly this morning. The loss The stables were totally

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FORTY-FIFTH YEAR.

#### Japan Still Has Initiative

See Where First Blow Will

Vast Territory Held By His Army Places Him at a Dis-

Prudence Prevents Him From an Advance in Korea Until Attacked.

Chief of Staff Counsels Patience

mese Consumence deductions will have to be minds before we can arrive at the construction of the construct

FIRE IN COAL BREAKERS. Scranton. April 26.—The Pine Brook breaker of the Scranton Coal Company was almost completely destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$60,000 with insurance of half this amount. All of the 600 men at work in the mine when the fire broke out together with the males, were rotten out in safety through the second story opening. The breaker hoys were at dinner at the time. The Alis Chalmers locomotive works and a number of other structures were fired by the sparks, but the flames in each instance were quickly exclusived. The breaker will be rebuilt. The Scranton Coal Company is subsidiary to the New York, Ontario & Swestern,

#### "FREE TRADE AS WE HAVE IT IN ENGLAND"

Canada Woollen Mills Forced Into Bankruptcy By the Operation of the Liberal Tariff --- News Notes of the Dominion.

Russia's Strength

and Coolness in the

Meantime.

Is on Shore

Japanese Force A Crossing

Two Companies Thrown Across the Yalu Early Yesterday

Heavy Firing Heard Towards To.

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trains the peniferitary and put into finds of one of the Welland canal c General's Headquarters to Prevent Its Falling into Hands of Japanese.

Special Cable to London Times and Victoria Colonist

Aden, Arabia, April 26.—The town of Illig, on the coast of Somaliland, has been bombarded by the British. The Sultan of Illig was captured.

### Officials Tell Of Crossing

Russian General Staff Issues Authoritative Statement of

apanese Reported to Have a

April 27.—Russian feints in plan of attack. This means that three Seized important Point Outflanking Rennenkampff Cossack Division.

ST. PETERSBURG EXPLOSION.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—It is officiall senied that 500 arrests have been made as the result of the explosion of a bomb at the Hotel Du Nord on the Newsky prospect April 13th. An inquiry into the affair is in progress, but no arrests have yet been made. FOR JAPANESE FLANK

Into Pier.

New York. April 25.—As the ferry boat America, after leaving its Grand street silly, was nearing Broodway. Williamsburg, with 500 passengers on board, Chanles Kelly, the enginee, fed dand of apoplex, and there was no board, Chanles Kelly, the enginee, fed dand of apoplex, and there was no board. Chanles Kelly, the enginee, fed dand of apoplex, and there was no board. Chanles Kelly, the enginee, fed dand of apoplex, and there was no board. Chanles Kelly, the enginee, fed dand of apoplex, and there was no board. Chanles Kelly, the enginee, fed dand of apoplex, and there was no board. Chanles Kelly, the enginee, fed dand of apoplex, and there was no board. Chanles Kelly, the enginee, fed dand of apoplex, and there was no board. Chanles Kelly, the enginee, fed dand of apoplex, and there was no board. Chanles Kelly, the enginee, fed dand of apoplex, and there was no board. Chanles and the companies, as the states will not research the fed for the fed first of the state of the care for the dand of apoplex, which were conveying 4,000 men.

\*\*PERFONY MORGAN ON DECK.\*\*

Parks, April 27.—A Britimore for the production for the may arrange the banking details of the surboard side of the boat and wreated the ladder chall. The correspondent of the association of the Parks and the may arrange the banking details of the banking details of the parks and the parks and the may arrange the banking details of the parks and the pa

## Where the Japanese Crossed the Yalu



Their Majesties Land at Dublin and Proceed to Kingstow

Accorded a Splendid Reception

Alexieff May Remain as a Figure was bright with Venetian masts and

St. Petersburg, April 26.—General Kuropatkin, it is believed in the highest military circles here, is descined to rean in in command of all the Russian forces. Admiral Alexieff may remain in command of all the Russian forces. Admiral Alexieff may remain is considered practically ended, He will not be humiliated, but in order to effect harmonious relations a way will be found to secure his elimination. While Alexieff and Kuropatkin are on fairly good terms, harmonious relations and with the three enjoying independent condmands; it is considered complications will be bound to rise which might endanger successful operations. Skrydioff and the viceroy are considered impossible and kuropatkin, on the contrary, are warm personal friends. With Alexieff removed from the theatre of war, and in view of the patent necessity to bave a supreme commander of both the army and navy on the ground as well to secure perfect harmony, Vice-Admiral Skrydioff, because of the minor to which the fleet will play, has already expressed his willingness to accept the post of commander of the naval forces under General Kuropatkin, as a ready expressed his willingness to accept the post of commander of the naval forces under General Kuropatkin, as a commander-in-chief.

BATTLESHIP DAMAGED.

Loudon, April 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard says that a battlethip under construction on the Neva is reported to have been seriously damaged. No details are given, and the country of the contraction on the Neva is reported to have been seriously damaged. No details are given.

Visit To Ireland

Dublin, Ireland, April 26 .- King Edward, Queen Alexandra and their suite SUPREME COMMAND

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A soon afterwards proceeded to the Kingstown races. Their Majesties were accorded a splendid reception, and large crowds assembled to greet them. The vessels in the harbor were gally trimmed with bunting, while Kingstown races and the state of the s

it is believed the Japanese made a feint in order to distract attention from the real point of passage.

So far no bridge has been thrown over the river. It is believed the Russian fire succeeded in destroying the floating parts of the Japanese bridges. St. Petersburg, April 26.—It is reported that an attempt of the Japanese to cross the Yalu has been frustrated.

EMPEROR WILLIAM AT VENICE Venice, April 27.—Emperor William arrived here today on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern and was warmly greeted. His Majesty took the train for Karlsruhe.

ENGINEER STRUCK

New York Ferry Boat Loaded With Passengers Crashes

## Majority Reduced

Amendment to Railway Bill Defeated By Only Nineteen Votes.

Award Made in Case of Schooner Carmelite Seized By Russians.

DEAD AT HIS POST

Ottawa, April 26.—The features of today's proceedings in the House were the clever speech of Mr. Clarke, of Toronto on the railway question and the reduction of the government majority to 19. Clarke moved an amendment, setting forth that the bill should not be passed until the question was first submitted to the people to pronounce on the subject; especially in view of the enormous obligation the—government will be under.

The Whitehorse and Alaska and V.

#### From the Orient the roads to Mukden. "It is evident that the Japanese devoted most of their attention to crossing near Wiju. The river here is divided into several chaptale by islands the Strong Russian Fortifications

on Both Banks of Liao River.

Latest News

apanese Prepare to Order Mob. llization of Fourth

WINDS PLAY HAVOC.

RUSSIANS HEADING

Zenteuuji. Preparations are on foot to mobilize a fourth army should it become necessary. The destination of these army corps is a matter of considerable speculation, though it is supposed that it may be the intention to use whem against Vladivostock or Port Arthur.

Little attention is paid to Russian reports of Japanese reverses on the Yalu. It is believed these reports are spread to influence the European money markets in favor of Russia.

No definite news has been received regarding the whereabouts of the Vladivostock squadron, but the indications are that it bas regained the harbor.

The Tientsin correspondent of the Standard sends a report that 4,000 Russians are harrassing the Chinese villages west of the Shuang Tai Su river, midway between the Chin Chau and Yin Kow.

A military expert who is practically impressed with the importance of the Japanese erossing near Siao Poussikhes and Pussia Papanese erossing near Siao Poussikhes aid that the use of the road therefrom would enable the enemy not only to march upon Mukden, but to outflank the Russian position at Feng Huan Cheng and cut off any of General Rennenkampff? Cossacks who may have gone to join the attack on Gensan.

JAPANESE AT WORK.

London, April 28.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Irkutsk, Siberfa, inder yesterday's date, says that the Japanese have blown up a portion of the railway at Kahiler, but that the resultant damage is insignificant.

IRON WORKS DESTROYED.

Marion, Ind., April 27.—The Marion

Marion, Ind., April 27.—The Marion Malleable Iron Works, erected three years ago at a cost of \$600,000, was almost destroyed by fire today. It employed 300 men and was owned by Buffalo, Syracuse and Troy, N. Y., capitalists. The loss is almost covered by insurance. Amherst, N. S.. April 26.—Strong easterly and northeasterly winds, prevailing the last few days have caused great havoc among the lobster trawls and buoys along the north shore of this county from Northport to Malgass. In some instances the whole outfat of some of the factories has been destroyed. The loss at this season is serious.

Reported Arrest of Five Hundred Persons Is Denied.