THE JAPANESE DIET.

by Government Have Been Passed.

kio, March 30.--The special Diet uded its labors to-day finally pass-he series of war tax and financial es preposed by the government adjourn to-morrow. Almost the financial programme submitted by inet was approved, although sev-anges were made. The amount ised by special taxation was re-om \$34,000,000 to \$31,000,000. esting feature of the financial ion is the passage of an act zing the banks to issue savings bentures. The total centures is limited to \$15,000,000 ar. The rate of interest and the t of the prizes under a lottery scheme are limited. The whole ends when the war is over.

government has the right to bor s money realized by the sale of the s prize debentures, but the manent, sale and recomposed res is entirely in the hands of the sale and redemption of the de-

changes in the customs tariff beffective after six months. The affected include confectionaries, es in sugar, silk, fabrics, alcohol ene, sugar, molasses, syrup, crepe ene, satins, and all alcoholic beverntaining over fifty per cent. of

obacco monopoly was passed. The sation to be paid the manufactur ill be a sum equal to the amount of les for arrears.

LERGYMAN'S CONFESSION.

cago, March 30 .- As a result of he declares was his effort to assist of Chicago, Dr. Dowing, who to be a clergyman, has been ar-charged with robbing railroads ands of dollars' worth of trans-All the money thus secured sed for charity, at least this is the nce of a confession made by Dow aight. Dowing, who is said to ade a practice of buying mileage s at half rate claiming that he was ister, and then selling the tickets icago brokers, was arrested in the of the Michigan Central railway aiting for a ticket to be counterofficers of the company confession Dowing said: "Yes it that I purchased mileage at half and sold it to ticket brokers. I ery cent of the money to bet ndition of the poor in Chicago. h I have greatly sinned I am sure od will overlook the fault. I was ed in Colgate seminary. I was ed by the shocking condition here. my money was spent and as nany persons starving I felt that I fied in procuring funds in the r I did."

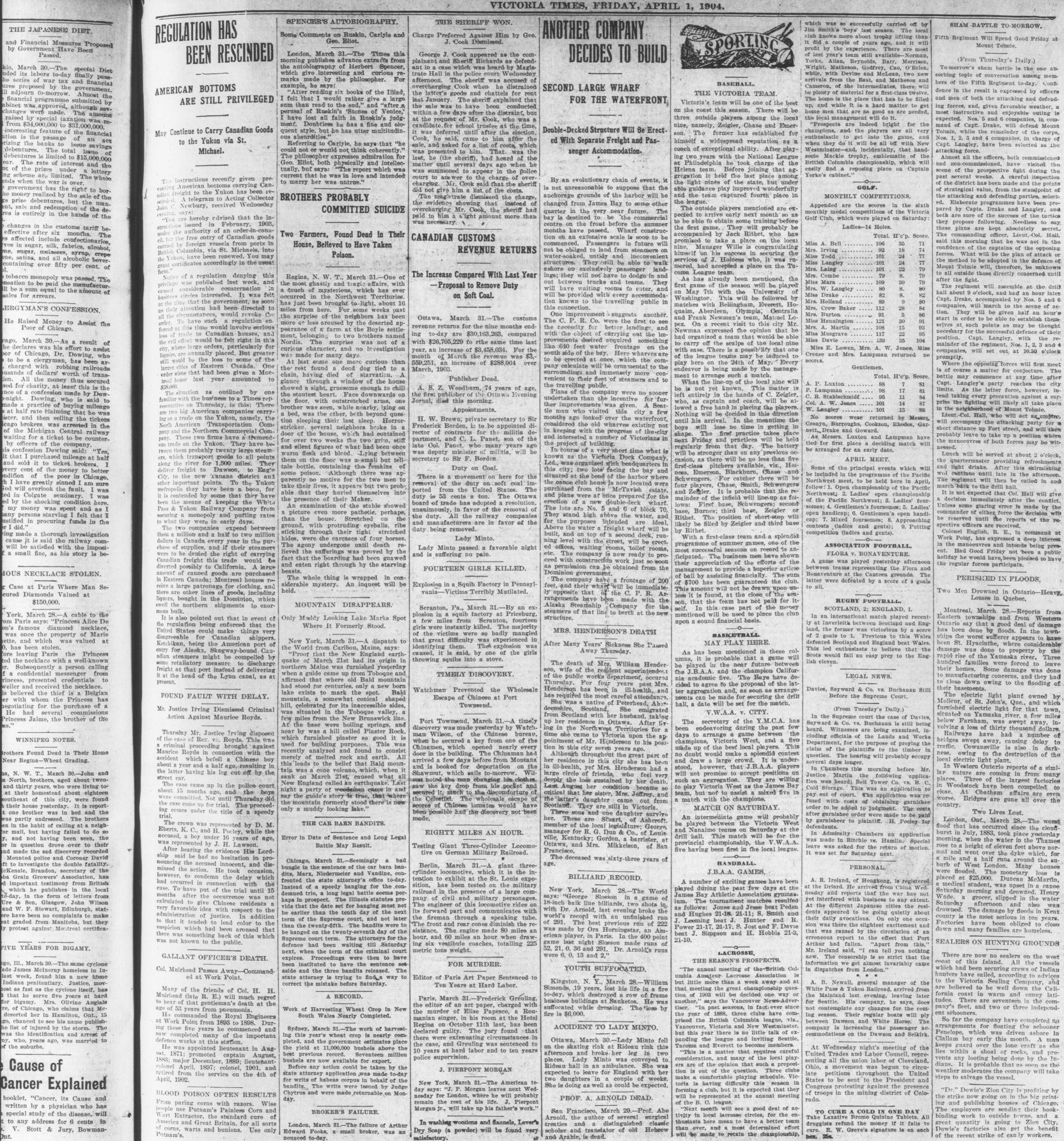
cause it is said the railway comwill be satisfied with the im f a small fine, as his story is be-

IOUS NECKLACE STOLEN.

Case at Paris Where Man Secured Diamonds Valued at \$150,000.

York, March 28 .- A cable to the om Paris says: "Princess Alice De on's famous diamond necklace, was once the property of Marie ette, and which was valued at 0, has been stole

ore leaving Paris the Princess ted the necklace with a well-known Subsequently a person calling a confidential messenger from ess, presented credentials to ler and received the necklace. believed the thief is a Belgian with whom the Princess has ating for the purchase of a He had several commissions



nounced to-day.

satisfactory.

To-morrow's sham battle is the one ab-Capt. Langley, have been selected as the past several weeks. A careful inspection of the district has been made and the points of strategical value, from the standpoint of the attacking and defending parties, selected. Elaborate programmes have been prepared by Capts. Drake and Langley, and both are sure of the success of the tactics they propose following. Needless to say ese plans are kept absolutely secret, The commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Hall,

said this morning that he was not in the confidence of the captains of the opposing forces. What will be the plan of attack or the method to be adopted in the defence of. Mount Tolmie will, therefore, be unknown to all outside those directly concerned until The regiment will assemble at the drill hall about 9 o'clock, and haif an hour later Capt. Drake, accompanied by Nos. 5 and 6 companies, will march to the scene of ac-

tion. They will be given half an hour's start in order to be able to establish them selves at such points as may be thought necessary for the successful defence of their Capt. Langley, with the remainder of the regiment, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 companies, will set out at 10.30 o'clock

Where the opposing forces will first meet is of course a matter for conjecture. The battle may commence at any time after Capt. Langley's party reaches the city nits. As the latter force, however, intend taking every precaution against a sur-prise the fighting will likely all take place in the neighborhood of Mount Tol. Lieut.-Col. Hall, who will act as umpire, will accompany the attacking party for a short distance up Fort street, and will then probably leave to take up a position where the manoeuvres of both forces may be wit-Lunch will be served at about 2 o'clock.

the quartermaster providing refreshments. and light drinks. After this skirmishing will continue until late in the afternoon. The regiment will then be called in and march back to the drill hall. It is not expected that Col. Hall will give

decision immediately after the conflict. Unless some glaring error is made by the commander of either force the decision with be reserved until the reports of the respective officers are received.

Colonel English, R. E., in command at Work Point, has expressed a deep interest, in the manoeuvres and intends being presnt. Had Good Friday not been a public holiday he would have, been pleased to have the regular forces participate.

PERISHED IN FLOODS.

Two Men Drowned in Ontario-Heavy, Losses in Quebec.

Montreal, March 28 .- Reports from Eastern townships and from Western ships the worst sufferer appears to have been St. Hyacinthe, where considerable hundred families were forced to leave their homes. Some damage was done to manufacturing concerns, and they had close down owing to the flooding of

The electric light plant owned by Molleur, of St. John's, Que., and which furnished electric light for that town, situated on Yamaska river, a few miles

the strike now going on in the big printng and publishing houses of Chicago. The employers are sending their book-

binding work to outside towns, and a of the recent strike of can ly workers.