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atest From Fraser.—The steamer Beavsinclair, arrived from Langley last evenat 10 o'clock, with ten passengers and
at \$10,000 in gold dust—reports as much
e lately brought down the river to
eley. Trade is very brisk at Fort Yale.

Fras are all going up the river. Some
fraged up at that point to hoist the
sand facilitate geting over the falls.

France are reports of rich diggings in the
country. Men were making \$50 at
here. A specimen of coarse gold was
d weighing six ounces; general averfrom a bit to \$20. Notwithstanding
he d'ifficiltes which the miners have
vercome, more gold is taken out in the
sor British Columbia in proportion tonumber at work, than in California.

Polynesian of Feb. 5th reports no in Honolulu market. Why are not ut up, and sent there?

### Commons

### In Session

Federal House Opened With Great Attendance and Bril.

New Conservative Members Introduced and Seated With Much Enthusiasm.

Borden Will at Once Grapple With Grand Trunk Railway Project.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 11.—Parliament opened today with great eclat. The scene in the senate chamber was brilliant. Manitoba and New Brunswick were represented by their Lieut. Governors. The diplomatic corps was in full force. Lady Minto and Lady Laurier each had many friends with them. Mrs. Riley had a prominent seat on the floor. The Commons having sent for the Governor-General he read the following speech:

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate;

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In again meeting you in parliament it is our first duty to express our heartfelt thanks to a benencent Providence for the bountiful harvest with which the country has been favored during the past year, and for the general prosperity that prevails in all parts of the Dominion.

It is very gratifying to note that the yearly increasing trade of Canada, which has been so marked a feature of the past six years, gives no indication of any abatement, while the number of settlers seeking homes in Manitoba and the Territories is without a parallel in the history of the country.

These two very important facts lead irresistibly to the conclusion that long before the trans-continental railway, authorized by parliament at its last session, can possibly be completed, its urgent necessity as a medium for carrying the products of the West to our own Atlantic ports will have become apparent, independently of the many benefits that will follow from the opening up for colonization and for various enterprises of the northern parts of Quebec and Ontario.

The agreement made with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company regarding a new transcontinental railway contained certain stipulations which, in effect, required the Grand Trunk Company of Canada to become a party to that agreement, and to assume heavy obligations in respect thereof.

will be laid before you. I am glad to say that the revenue will exceed the expenditure, leaving a balance to be applied in reduction of the public debt. The estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate;

Gautiemen of the House of Com-

ROADS IN PHILIPPINES

### The Yellow Peril A Needless Alarm

The Former Japanese Minister Real Terror.

Ultimate Intention of Japan to Join Forces With Christendom.

taken nominations to this effect, par-ticularly with France, at the time of the Spanish-American war, without them coming to a definite conclusion.

# BY TORPEDO BOATS Russians and Japs Suffer Equal Losses in Fierce LEAD MINE OWNERS. Nelson, B. C., March 11.—The committee appointed by the silver lead mine owners association, Messrs John L. Revalled and Moore today. Concerning the proposition of the sum of the St. Engene to allow a portion of the lead output of the Exotempts to be sent out of the country and at the same time to share in the benefits of the Dominion lead bounty. The main points have already been settled in favor of the scheme, but delays are being discussed. A meeting of the Silver Lead Association has been called to meet at Sandon on March 23rd.

Naval Battle off Port Arthur Wednesday Night. Story Told Czar by Viceroy Alexieff.

St. Petersburg March 11.—The Emperor has received a message from Viceroy Alexieff which

general command of Captain Mattheusevsch, encountered the enemy's torpedo boats, followed by cruisers. A hot action ensued in which the torpedo boat destroyer Vlastini discharged a whitehead torpedo and sunk one of the enemy's torpedo boats. On the way back the torpedo boat destroyer Stereguschtchi, commanded by Lieut. Serguei reff, sustained damages. Her engine was disabled and she began to founder. manded by Lieut. Serguei reff, sustained damages. Her engine was disabled and she began to founder. By 8 o'clock in the morning five of our torpedo boat destroyers returned. When the critical position of the Stereguschtchi became evident, I hoisted my flag on the cruiser Novik and went with the Novik and the cruiser Boyarin to the rescue. But as five of the enemy's cruisers surrounded our destroyer, and as their battleship squadron was approaching, I did not succeed in saving the Stereguschtchi, which foundered. Part of the crew were made prisoners and part were drowned. On the ships which participated in the night attack one officer was seriously, and five others slightly, wounded, but two sailors were killed and eighteen wounded. At 9 o'clock fourteen of the enemy's ships assembled before Port Arthur, and a bombardment was begun with the heavy guns of their battleship squadron at long range. This lasted until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It is estimated that they fired 154 twelve-inch shells. The damage to our vessels was insignificant and they are again ready for battle. Our losses were: One officer slightly wounded and one soldier killed and four soldiers wounded. The illumination of the sea by night by the searchlights was most satisfactory, and several times isolated shots from the batteries forced the enemy's torpedo boats to retire. With the commencement of the bombardment at dawn the guns of the fortress replied to the enemy's fire. The crews of all the ships engaged gave proof of remarkable coolness in action. Below decks the work of the day followed its ordinary course in spite of the shells falling between the vessels and covering them with fragments. A bombardment at such a distance must be considered ineffective. The Japanese cruiser Takasago is reported to have such a distance must be considered ineffective. The Japanese cruiser Takasago is reported to have been seen to suffer serious damage, the extent, however, it is impossible to ascertain at a distance of five miles. Many shells were fired at a range of seven and a half miles.

"I have the honor to report the foregoing to Your Majesty.

WILL USE LINOTYPES.

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Washington, March 11.—Public Printer Palmer indicated to the house committee on appropriations today that lie will this year begin the furnishing of the United States Government printing office with typesetting machines. A proposition to do this was made to the committee several days ago by officers of the Linotype Company and immediately a demand to be heard against the proposition was made by the local typographical union. Mr. Palmer explained that during the past twelve years he has made a close study of the development of typesetting machines and had considered it in a crude state up to within the past twelve months. As no executive authority is needed the committee will not grant further hearings in the matter.

# Remarkably

Russian Press Correspondent Relates Result of Inspection

Japanese Fleet's Fierce Bombardment Produced Little or No Results.

Port Arthur, Friday March 11.—
(From a Russian Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—"I inspected yesterday the points upon which the fire of the enemy was centered, particularly during the last bombardment. Some buildings were slightly damaged. Lying safely at anchor in the two basins were

### On Policy Of Japan

Reent Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg Interviewed on

Korea to Be Opened Up to the World.

His Country Ambitious to Spread Benefits of Modern Civilization.

Paris, Marca 32 -M Kurino, most interestingly on some of the pres-"It is a remarkable fact," said the

Ineffectual Fire

In Inister, "that Korea is in a worse condition now than it was ten years ago. At that time a general state of ignorance angles that the government's policy against modern methods. Recently the French minister at Seoul passed through St. Petersburg on his way to Paris, and told that the conditions of ignorance and incompetence were worse today than when I observed them. For that reason I do not think the reports of Marquis Ito's

MISSEON TO KORDA MISSION TO KOREA

is for the purpose of introducing reforms is correct. Count Inou tried some years ago without success. The difficulty of the situation is that the introduction of the mere external forms of modern civilization is not enough, as what the Koreans need is the substance, the essence of modern methods instead of mere outward forms."

When asked what would be the result of the entrance of the Japanese into Korea, the former minister said: "There are many erroneous reports concerning Japan's intentions and policy towards Korea. It seems to be the pre-

M. Kurino spoke with intense earnest ness concerning the noble nature of Japan's ambitions, and continuing, he said; "Japan, therefore, does not seek to annex Korea or politically dominate her, nor does she want any other country to annex Korea, to Japan's detriment and disadvantage. The recent JAPANESE KOREAN TREATY expressly protects Korea's integrity and independence. Moreover, it is not Japan's policy to annex territory on the mainland. In that respect Russia's policy is exactly the reverse of Japan's.



## Japanese Torpedo Boats Manoeuvring in a Snow Storm

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