the Matter of the "Tramway Company Incorporation Act."

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LYMAN F. DUFF.

NOTICE.

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T. H. WORSNOP.

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ne Lake, Cassiar District, Sept. 3, 1898.

S FAITH IN THE PROVINCE. oronto Newspaper Man Who Prophesies a Great Future for

British Columbia. toria had a visitor yesterday in person of Mr. Robert Jaffray, prestored the Globe Printing Company, Coronto, who came down from Nation on the noon train and left this g for Vancouver on Mr. Jaffray's trip to the Island incipally to see the Nanaimo coal a great interest in that and being one of the owners of lands of the Crow's Nest Pass. affray chatted very entertainingly Times man last evening, and was in his estimate of the good may be expected to result from inpletion of the Crow's Nest Pass He says the opening of the will enable his company to supsmelters of the Kootenay councoke at a much lower rate than obtained for elsewhere, and be able to smelt all its own smelted at in the United present coke is being shipped Kootenay country from without breaking bulk, owing terprise of the C. P. R. in esng car ferries on the lakes. Mr. says that if car ferries were Kootenay lake from the preminus of the Crow's Nest Fass would enable his company to one year sooner than if it had until the road is completed to All of which Mr. Jaffray says be encouraging for the people nterior, although the consequent on of the business done on Van-Island is something not heering to the people of the isles There can be no doubt, says fray, that the Crow's Nest Pass going to make a great difference business with the interior. npany have taken advantage of es, and he says the developow taking place in the Boundary something hardly credible exactual observation. elling within the last year, this from home so long this time nuch to his disappointment, he ada and the West Coast. He however, to have an opportunity so when he again comes to the

CANADIAN NEWS.

aceburg, Ont., Nov. 2.-While a was in progress between a number oyes in the Wallaceburg glass Mayor Holstein interfered and

eston. Nov. 2.-Morris Grimshaw eeper, was killed by the accidischarge of a gun. gus, Ont., Nov. 2.-Ine rity for Mr. Gibson in East Well-

Mictoria Cimes.

Foes.

flict Continue With Unabat-

ed Vigor.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 4. The Courier's

special cable from London this morning

been under way for more than a week,

and it becomes more than ever evident

that Great Britain is preparing for one

grand coup which shall settle once for

all some of the perplexing questions

which have beset the government for

That the question of the "open door'

advance into Manchuria is to be one

also apparent that Lord Salisbury

ent of the Egyptian question, which

of these there is little doubt; but it

and his colleagues have decided that the

time is opportune for the definite settle-

is becoming embarrassing by reason not only of the French occupation of Fa-

shoda, but through the intrigues of the young Khedive, who is chaing at the restraint put upon him by the British

dministration.
There has long been an anti-English

party in Cairo ready to turn its hand to any promising intrigue. Resident French

and other jealous Europeans have covertly encouraged it. None among

them has the ability or following that a decade ago persuaded Arabi Pasha to

revolt openly against England's rule; but a few of them have been shrewd

enough to gain the ready ear of the

mer the Khedive has been paying visits

to various European capitals and has taken the opportunity to unburden his complaints against the English administration of Egypt. In Paris he found willing listeners, while in Constantinople

as possible, but Lord Salisbury thought it wise to hasten Lord Cromer's return

Egypt from his holiday in England. exigency demanded the step, less able

imply opened a way for a step long un-

American coal for immediate delivery at her West Indian naval station, In response to hurried cablegrams

In response to hurried cablegrams from London ship brokers engaged in

the West India trade spent the greater

the English war craft to fill their bunk-

Kingston, to be followed by vessels for Bermuda, St. Lucia and Demerara, which are the principal ports in the West Indies subject to Great Britain.

It was reported yesterday that two British warships had been ordered here

to undergo slight repairs which under ordinary cicumstances would have been

nade either at Halifax or the Bermuda

An Official Utterance.

sued last evening says:
"There is now good reason to hope that the political situation is ameliorat-

ing. It can be confidently stated that when the cause of irritation which un-

fortunately recently existed in France and Great Britain on the Upper Nile

be the case, the door will again be open

ed for the resumption of those friendly regotiations which have characterized

Britain's War Preparations.

Halifax, Nov. 4.—The British battle-ship Renown is in full fighting trim and

is testing her searchlights.
Sidney, C. B., Nov. 3.—The British warships Cordelia and Pelican have

warships Cordelia and Pelican have arrived with submarine mines and heavy

shore guns. Chicago, Nov. 3.—The British govern-

ment has closed a contract here for the

immediate delivery of 125,000 gallons of distilled spirits at Montreal. An in-

timation was also given that about 450,000 more gallons would in all like-

This order of 125,000 gallons amounts

to nearly 3.000 barrels and will require

its thus ordered will be in the manufacture of smokeless powder, of which

distilled spirits is one of the ingredients.

Activity at Hongkong.

tivity has prevailed in naval and mili-

tary circles here during the past few days, but no information on the subject

is obtainable. The British first class cruiser Powerful has just taken on board over 2,000 tons of coal and the other warships here are taking on board

Hongkong, Nov. 3 .- Extraordinary ac-

lihood be ordered within about ten days.

the two countries.'

removed, which is expected soon to

normal state of relations between

London, Nov. 4 .- An official note is-

islands.

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The first shipments are to be sent

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China and the limitation of Russian

years past.

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Disposition of the Philippines, Russia in China and the Fashoda Affair.

Developments Yesterday in These Matters-Spain's Pathetic Appeal for Help.

London, Nov. 4.-The most reliable inormation from Paris confirms the earlreports that M. Dupuy, the premier, es decided to wash his hands of Fashoda and to recall Major Marchand, or whose mission he is not responsible. this decision is to some extent due to about desire to allow nothing to interfere with the success of the exposition in

will be important in the hisof the crisis. It is expected that in de Courcel, the French ambassavill impart the French decision to Salisbury, who will speak this ing at the banquet to be given to Sirdar, General Lord Kitchener, ably the premier's text will be the ial note issued last evening announc-that there is now good reason to that the political situation is amel-

the reopening of the French chamber. he Daily Chronicle, under reserve, lishes a remarkable story suggesting the Sirdar captured documents ing that Major Marchand, before battle of Omdurman, sent to the firdar a French flag, inviting him to out it, and so, by becoming a French to deter the Anglo-Egyptian forces

m attacking him. heffield, Nov. 3.—At the annual feast the master cutlers this evening it expected that Mr. Geo. J. Gosche lord of the admiralty, would be sent as the principal guest. Mr. schen, however, was unable to attend barquet and the chairman read a etter of apology from him in which he "It is absolutely impossible for leave the admiralty. My con-spresence there is essential. Sheffield will appreciate this in the present state of affairs. I am truly disap-

ointed, but duty comes of the control of the contro

Washington, Nov. 3 .- The Chinverge of open hostilities. Concerning the latest report, that Russia had taken the treaty port of Newchwang, thus giving her control of all Manchuria and shutting out the British from trade such a step, as Newchwang, being a port, is of almost as much inerest to the outside world as it is to

The treaty ports are freely open to foreign trade, and as a result large foreign colonies have been built up in It is at the treaty ports that the States has established her comee with China. For this reason, Wu feels satisfied that any such important move by Russia as the taking of a treaty port would be speedily reported by the United States minister at ekin and all other foreign representaives in China.

with all the country around Newchwang, as he projected the railway running from Tienstin to Kinchow, which was designed to be extended to Newchwang and thence northwards, tapping the richest sections of Manchuria. It is at the head of the Gulf of Pechili, and is so situated as to be of great strategic value in connection with Port Arthur, now occupied by Russia under a lease from China. Port Arthur is at the ex-treme end of Laio Tung peninsula, while Newchwang is at the threshold of the peninsula, so that together they command all of that territory, which ems shaped by nature for military and naval purposes. It is this report which has led to such activity in the British

naval stations, particularly at Weihai-wei, across the Gulf from Port Arthur. Vhile Mr. Wu does not believe Russia has occupied Newchwang, and thus given opportunity for a clash, yet he said Russia may have given color for such reports by pushing forward some of her troops to Newchwang. It would be the natural line of development for Russia to divert the trans-Siberian railway so as to make a terminus at Port Arthur, and for that reason is doubtless much oveted by the foreign commercial in-

A private despatch received to-day anunces that the engineers of the American syndicate which has secured exersive concessions in China have arived at Shanghai. They will begin sur-eys on the proposed line from Hankow connecting some of the gest cities and opening up some of richest country in China. Prominent railway men are represented in the ompany.

London, Nov. 4.—The Paris correspon-ent of the Times says:—"I understand nat at to-morrow's (Friday's) sitting of peace commission the Spanish comoners will reply textually as fol-

"It is impossible for us either to ac refuse the conditions the United tates impose. We do not desire to de-are a formal rupture, because it would Europe to run the risk of behumiliating spectacle of an merican fleet bombarding European

"We do not intend to furnish America talled \$48,722.40.

with a pretext for the realization of such an act; but we cannot subscribe to dictates which are not in conformity with the stipulations adopted in com mon in the agreement that terminated

tion sought to be imposed upon us. We withdraw, leaving public conscience and history to judge the act of violence of which we are the object; and although we are unfortunately convinced that our attitude will have no effect upon the minds of our conquerors, we cannot assume any other, because, by accepting the conditions imposed, we should become accomplices in an injustice and a violation of international law to which we may submit, but in which it is impossible to ask us to take any share of responsibility."

responsibility."

Madrid, Nov. 3.—The announcement of the intentions of the United States hurried naval preparations which have regarding the Philippines has greatly excited the public here. It is generally recognized, however, that it would be absolutely futile to appeal to Europe, which has resigned Spain to her fate. The newspapers protest vigorously against the "incredible cynicism and abuse of strength of the Americans. The ministerial El Globe exclaims: "Europe and America seem determined to sanction by cowardice and selfishness a crime that will be a blot upon the history of the century."

further light should be thrown Fifth Duke of Portland Has His Title Challenged by a London Lady.

> Sensational Story Told of How Deception Was Practised Will Be Investigated.

London, Nov. 4.-Mes. Anna Maria Druce, daughter-in-law of the late against his masters. During the sum-Thomas C. Druce, who, she asserts, was mer the Khedive has been paying visits n fact and in law the fifth Duke of Portland, obtained a final order in the High Court of Appeal to-day, directing the chancellor and faculty of the diocese of London to issue her a permit to open and inspect the coffin, now in the vaults of Highgate cemetery, alleged to contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret as secret the company of the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as secret the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as the contain the remains of her of the Khedive has been kept as the contain the remains of her of the khedive has been kept as the contain the remains of her of the khedive has been kept as the contain the remains of her of the khedive has been kept as the contain the remains of her of the khedive has been kept as the contain the remains of her of the khedive has been kept as the contain the remains of her of the khedive has been kept as the contain the remains of her of the khedive has been kept as the contain the contain the contain the contain the contain the contain the

rench officer, as M. Delcasse, the French minister of foreign affairs, and the Marquis of Salisbury must be the Marquis of Salisbury must be the may been until recently a domestic servant. He was last heard of in Austraa lunatic asylum. As for Dr. Harner, younger brother. her son, who, she asserts, is the rightful That Great Britain intends to define

contribute to the harmony of the two countries."

According to Burke's Peerage, William John Cavendish Scott Bentwick, fifth Duke of Portland, died unmarried they had abundant provisions and ammunition. The French commander also expressed himself as much gratified at the kindness shown him by the British difference of the state married Miss Winifred Dallas Yorke. Both he and his wife are very popular in London society and entertain lavishwashington, Nov. 3.—The Chinase in Louisian society and chicken areas in minister, Mr. Wu, is following with much interest the developments in the last, where the conflicting interests of roll is placed at something like £400,000

Mrs. Druce in her affidavits declares suitable to transport the coal from Philthat Thomas C. Druce did not die in suitable to transport the coal from Philthat Thomas C. December, 1864, as would appear from the official record, and that the coffin in Highgate cemetery which she wishes to n that great section, Mr. Wu says it is examine does not contain and has never arrally creditable that Russia has taken contained human remains. Her concontained human remains. Her contention is that Druce, whether from eccentricity or from feer, led a double life, taking various courses for his protection. She says that the marriage between her late busband's father and mother on October 30, 1851, at New Windsor, Berkshire, when the names were recorded as Thomas Charles were recorded as Thomas Charles Druce and Annie Mary, was in reality between the Marquis of Titchfield, afterwards the fifth Duke of Portland. the illegitimate daughter of the fifth Earl of Berkeley.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Ottawa, Nov. 3,-Willis Chapman, of l'oronto, has been selected as city engineer of Ottawa. iom Liverpool for Canada to-day. Montreal, Nov. 3.—At the Queen's Park track on Saturday James Drury lowered the one-mile flying start Canadian record of 1.53½ to 1.52 1-5, and the standing record from 2.03 1-5

Montreal, Nov. 3.-Mr. Charles C. llagget, for many years a prominent citizen of Montreal, is dead. Mr. Claggett has been ill for a long time, and his death was not unexpected. As the head of the firm of Messrs. C. C. Claggett & Co., he had for many years carried on a large business with Canadian railways with coal and other supplies.

Montreal, Nov. 3.—C.P.R. traffic receipts for the week ending October 31 were \$851,000; for the same week last

year they were \$853,000. St. Catharines, Nov. 3 .- Dr. Yeomans, one of the most prominent physicians of the city, died this morning from the effects of a piece of glass getting into his over sixty cars for its tanspotation in throat while partaking of a dish of apple sauce on Wednesday last. He was 61 years of age and leaves a widow and

two children. Colborne, Nov. 3.—The East Northum berland pro est trial ended to-day, Mr. Douglass, the Liberal member, being unseated on the ground of illegal acts by agents. The personal charges were withdrawn by consent. Kincardine, Nov. 3.—Archibald Rob-inson, an old resident of Kincardine, died suddenly this evening.

London, Nov. 3.—Thomas Hobbs, father of Mr. Hobbs, ex-M.P.P., is

dead, aged 85.
Collingwood, Nov. 3.—Fire to-day destroyed the Grand Trunk railway freight shed and wharf. The steamer Pacific, lying alongside, also was totally destroyed. The loss is \$50,000 on the shed. and \$55,000 on the steamer. and \$55,000 on the steamer.

Toronto, Nov. 3.—The Arcadia Copper Mining Company, of Boston, have acquired the copper property on Michipicoten island owned by Joseph Cosenos, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. The Arcadia company is said to have strong capital-

ists at its back.

Pekin, Nov. 4.—In spite of the formal romises of the Tsung Li Yamen (Chinese foreign office) there is every cation of a concerted move of nese troops in the neighborhood of the capital. It is said that Yang Yi, the Winnipeg, Nov. 3.—The inland revenue collections for October in Winnipeg to-

s engaged in mounting siege guns,

What is China's Game?

Hi Toho, or council of state, has obtain ed great influence over the Dowager Empress. He is bitterly anti-foreign and hopelessly conservative. It is prob-able that Kang Yi was the suggester of "We withdraw because we do not feel we have a right to sign the abdication sought to be improved that Yuen Shek Hai, the Chinese ported that Yuen Shek Hai, the Chinese general in command of the foreign drilled troops at Tientsin, and an officer whose power is much dreaded by the Dowager Empress and her advisers, has received a grant of money, ostensibly for the purpose of increasing the strength of his division to thirty thousand men, if "time shows that the Down Preparations for the Impending Conager Empress can rely upon his fidelity." It has been said that Yuah Shek Hai might use his troops in conformity

> THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. Opening Proceedings To-Day-The New Premier's Declaration.

the views of the foreign ministers

Paris, Nov. 4.-The chamber of deputies re-opened to-day with a crowded assembly after its adjournment on Oct. 27th, the day of the fall of the cabinet presided over by M. Brisson. Amid great animation the new premier, M. Dupuy, read the ministerial declaration. He began by declaring the cabinet publican state, and expressed confidence in the army, which, he added, would faithfully respect the laws of the repub-

London En Pete on the Presentation of the Freedom of the City to Lord Kitchener.

Thousands View the Triumphal Pro cession—The Sirdar Praises Lord Cromer.

London, Nov. 4 .- The streets of the city were crowded all morning, an immense number of people seeking to witness General Kitchener's triumphal procession to the Guildhall to receive the freedom of the city of London and have the sword of honor presented to him in recognition of his defeat of the Dervishes at Omdurman. and firm English viceroys than he would not have hesitated to pull down the eastern prince, as the Khedive has a

The general received a great ovation as, accompanied by three aides-de-camp and dressed in his full general's uniform with an Egyptian sash, he drove through the streets.

At the Guildhall there was the quaint-

that Great Britain intends to define the streets.

Very clearly her position in Egypt and to back up that definition with all the power at her command there can be little doubt. The Fashoda incident the city dignitaries and their families, though Lord Rosebery and Lord Salisbury, the lord chancellor, and a few other notables were present.

There was a scene of great enthusiasm as General Kitchener took his blace on the dais by the side of the lord mayor. Mr. Horatio David Davies. The clerk then read a document setting forth that certain citizens, one described as a

stationer, had declared the general to be fit and proper son.

In presenting the sword of honor the mayor read an address; in which he this honor was reserved for England's greatest sons. suitable to transport the coal from l'hil-adelphia and Newport News to points where it will be most convenient for his deep and heartfelt thanks, and said

the success of the compaign was due not only to a oneness of purpose and cheerful spirit of determination, but to the master mind of Lord Gromer, the British agent in Egypt, under whose able direction, the Sirdar asserted, the Soudan had been reconquered.

FROM THE CAPITAL. Important Changes in Government Service-Prohibitionists Interview

Laurier. Ottawa, Nov. 4 .- Two important changes are likely to be made very soon now in the government service. Mr. Panet, deputy minister of militia, is to be superannuated and Major Pinault appointed in his place. Dr. Guay, M.P., will also be appointed superintendent of

An order in council has been passed appointing Joseph Watson packer in the custom house at Vancouver.

The Ontario W. T. C. U. convention passed a resolution to-day in favor of a prohibitory law, in favor of woman's franchise and for domestic technical

schools.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier received the repre sentatives of the prohibition deputation yesterday. The ministers present were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cart-wright, Messrs, Fisher, Fielding and Sifton. Rev. Dr. Carman, superintendent of the Methodist church, introduced the deputation, which included 200 repre sentatives from five of the seven pro-vinces. British Columbia and Prince vinces. British Columbia and Frince
Fdward Island telegraphed their sympathy and support. The speakers were
F. S. Spence, Toronto; Major Bond.
Montreal; Rev. Dr. McLeod, New Brunswick; Rev. Dr. Hogg, Winnipeg; Mr.
McClure, M.P., Colchester, N.S.; Mrs.
Annie Rutherford and D. J. O'Donog hue, Toronto. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in his reply, re

hearsed the circumstances which had led the government to take the plebiscite He was not a total abstainer, he said, but if a broad national sentiment was manifested in favor of prohibition he would sacrifice his personal views and inclinations. The majority for prohibition did not involve a majority of the electorate, although a respectable tion, and the consideration for the government was what ought to be done der the circumstances. If a prohibitory law passed he had no fear about Quebec, as the people of that province were law-abiding people. The views of the deputation would be submitted to the government and an answer given at an Emperor William Alludes at Jerusalem to

early day. The Free Press announcement is that considering the fact that not one quarter of the electors of Canada have an-nounced their support of the principle of prohibition, the executive does not feel warranted in going any further in

Yang Yi, the Winnipeg, Nov. 3.—E. Wills, a Chiwas next in cago man, was drowned north of Edhigh Manchu official who was next in cago man, was drowned north of E rank to the late Prince Koung in Kioun monton while en route to the Yukon.

No Recommendations Regarding the Boyalty - Appointment of a Governing Council.

Asks That a Census Be Taken of British Subjects and Declares the Country Is Rich

Ottawa, Nov. 4.-The report

Lajor Walsh was issued to-day. There and no recommendations in it regarding the royalty. This matter is dismissed with a paragraph stating that the miners considered it a severe tax, and they expressed the hope that next year would see it removed. For the future government of the Yukon he recommends the appointment of a council to consist of the commissioner and four appointed and four elected members, the appointed members to be selected Dupuy, read the ministerial declaration.

He began by declaring the cabinet fully recognized the difficulty and responsibilities of the task undertaken and sponsibilities of the task undertaken and the elected members to be returned from the districts of Dawson, Stewart river, Pelly river and Hootalingua wiver. He asks that a census be taken of the British subjects in the district, and that none but these be eligible to vote for the four representatives,

Major Walsh does not see any ob-

jection to officers holding claims, and says that no difficulties had arisen from the officers of the government holding claims in the Yukon up to 1897. They were not likely to follow now. For himself he would rather buy a claim than prospect and stake it. He speaks of the wealth of the country, which is good for many years, and regrets that the defeat of the Stikine and Teslin Lake Railway scheme by the Senate was the means of driving away the trade of Yukon from Canada to the United States. He asks that something be done to hold this large trade for Canada.

for Canada. A militia general order just states that an unattached list is authorized in connection with the active militia in order to facilitate the transfer of officers of one corps to another without sacrificing their rank. Transfers to the unattached list will rest with the major-general commanding. This is a move of the new major-general commanding, and will have the effect of keeping good men in the force, when otherwise through leaving the territorial limits of their corps they might have to retire from service altogethes. The annual civil service examinations will be held at the usual centres, com-mencing on Tuesday. The average num-

ber of applications for permission to write has been received, totalling about 600 for the whole of Canada. FIVE LIVES LOST.

Coaster From New York Quickly Consumed by Fire. Vineyard Haven, Mass., Nov. 4.-Capt. Hale and a number of the crew and passengers of the Clyde steamer Croatin, from New York for Wilmington, N. C. and C. ergetown, S. C., arrived here this afterion, reporting that the steam or was huming and sink off Cape Charles k on Cape Charles

butcher, one as a barber, and one as a on November 1. Five persons were eral cargo. The names of the lost are: Second As sistant Engineer McCarthy, of Nova for Scotia; Steward James Curtis, of Jer-sey City; passengers, Mrs. James Curtis, wife of the steward; Jennie Willard (colored), of Wilmington.
The Croatin was but twenty hours

from New York on her way to Wilmington and going at a good rate of speed with a smooth sea and calm weather, when at 3 p.m. a fireman came hurriedly on deck and reported that the ship was in advance of its condition at the outon fire. A general alarm signal was given and an effort made to lower the boats, but the fire spread with such rapidity that these efforts were unavailing. In less than ten minutes after the fire was reported the ship was completely enveloped in flames from stem

to stern. Shortly after the fire was discovered an explosion took place in the cargo, which blew off the after hatch. A second explosion followed a few minutes siderable precaution in the case of later and the ship was then a mass of own vessels. He even dispatched

It was at this time that Capt. Hale, the Grosse Isle quarantine station. Mr. seeing that to remain on the vessel Pinault's appointment is arranged for and Dr. Guay's will soon follow. hands to jump overboard and save them-selves as best they could. The captain was the last man to leave the ship, remaining on deck with the first officer war. The secretary concluded that these until they seemed completely enveloped vessels are still sufficiently serviceable flames and the vessel was sinking. There seemed to be no panic on board and men and women after lashing on their life preservers leaped into the water. Some of the passengers had their while the original of nearly a quarter clothing on fire when they jumped into the sea.

The captain and first officer succeeded in securing a yawl boat which had been and organizations, it is the opinion of damaged in lowering, and by hard work expert military officers that the army as damaged in lowering, and by hard work rescued eight persons from the water. The burning ship was sighted by the four-masted schooner Alice Clark, of Portland, which lay becalmed about six miles off, and her captain sent a boat's crew to aid in the work of rescue. They acceeded in saving twelve persons, many of whom had been an hour or more in the water and had become nearly exhausted. They were taken on board the Clark and given every possible attention, explosives were known to be among the ship's cargo, and the origin of the Japan to Investigate the Emperor of fire is a mystery to her crew.

complete the transaction. The American company is a local corporation, corporation. capitalized at \$2,000,000.

THE "MAILED FIST." Far Eastern Affairs.

Jerusalem. Nov. 4.-Emperor William 's visiting the hospice of St. John, and replying to a director's remark that the building stood under the shadow of the emperor, said: "This shadow is cast by the same black and white which is also stretched over the Catholics in the Far Rast stretched over the Catholics in the Far East who sacrifice their lives and shed their blood in propagating the gospel. To protect them my brother is now in those regions with the mailed power of the imperial navy."



Refuses Proposition of the United States to Hold All the Philippines.

Rabid Madrid Press Comment-Washington Ready for Re-Opening of Hostilities.

Paris, Nov. 4.—The joint session of the peace commission to-day lasted two hours. The Spaniards refused the propositions made by Americans on Monday last, but negotiations are not broken off.

While it is believed no formal counter proposition was made, there was a discussion of the Philippine question outside the lines of the Americans' proposition. The commission then journed until Tuesday next. The Fronde says:—The claim of the United States to the Philippines is looked upon with disfavor at St. Peters-burg. The powers might, in case of

America proving too obstinate on this point, be provoked to protest The Evernment remarks: ' "Your money or your life" is the attitude taken by the Americans in regard to Spain. The latter, having no money, offer Porto Rico and the abandonment of Cuba, and thinks she has thus discharged her

"Pardon me," answers Jonathan, "You yet have the Philippine Islands, which are only an encumbrance to you. I will relieve you of them. Why? cause, with Fontaine, I have have the strongest reasons for so doing.

The Imparcial's Rabid Comment. Madrid, Nov. 4.-The Imparcial to-day, commenting upon the peace negotiations now in progress in Paris, says: "If the United States had shown in the protocol their intention to keep the Philippine islands the matter would not have taken the course it did. Spain has never considered the Philippines as lost or that she desired their loss. On the contrary, her intention was shown by her facing the anger of Grmany on the question of the Carain and the larger of the larger o "America by her conduct has lost her place among civilized peoples and hence-

forth will only count as the most numerous and opulent of hordes." Washington Awaiting Results. Washington, Nov. 4.-The administration is awaiting results from the peace commission with equanimity, in the realization that the government is perfectly, well prepared for any turn the negotiations may take. The navy especially is in a state of preparedness, should it come to a resumption of hostilities, far

break of the war. All the warships of the north Atlantic squadron, which had been brought north at the earliest moment, were docked, cleaned and thoroughly refitted at the New York and Norfolk navy Their ammunition supplies were replenished and they are now, with possibly one or two exceptions, ready for instant service in almost any quarter of the globe. Admiral Dewey has taken considerable precaution in the case of his one by one to the big British docks at Hongkong, where they have been placed in good condition.

Secretary Long has prudently declined to part with the numerous fleet of zux-

iliary vessels acquired by the govern ment just prior to the outbreak of the war. The secretary concluded that these for emergency uses and accordingly kept them in condition to be commissioned on

far as the army is concerned, As million of men called into service resident has been largely diminish by the mustering out of many regiments a whole is really a more formidable weapon now than it was at any period during the war. The staff corps have during the war. The staff corps have cured many evils from which they suffered during the war and are prepared to move troops with rapidity and with due care for their health and for their ade-

ORIENTAL AFFAIRS.

China's Alleged Death.

St. Louis, Nov. 4.—The Republic to-day says:—Arrangements have been made for the absorption of the American Brake Company by the Westinghouse Air Brake Co., and a meeting of the stockholders of the American company will be held here on November 15 to complete the transaction. The American company is a live. The American company is a live. According to a dispatch received by the Japanese mail steamer Rio Jani Maru, Minister Yao has been dispatched to Pekin with instructions to demand a personal interview with the Emperor.

Kuang dead.
The Kobe News of Oct. 14 says: "The latest telegrams respecting the risings in the neighborhood of Chung King state it is a movement against the missionaries on the part of a marauding band led by one Ya-mak-Tsec. The French church hospital and school and also the American Methodist church at Hong Cheu, about 50 miles Chong King, have been destroyed. ranks of the marauders are constantly beng swelled and the lawless mob now number about 26,000, most of them being armed with antiquated rifles, but the