Declines

Chinese Emperor Instructs Officials Not to Agree to Manchurian Convention.

The Russians Are Preparing for

Vremya in contemplating the possibilities of their seeking a substitute for the China market.

Berlin, April 1.—The Berliner Tageblatt publishes the following despatch from Shanghai: "The German first-class battleship Weissenburg has started from Shanghai toward Nankin and the north, her purpose being to impress the Chinese and the allies that Germany means to preserve and to heighten her prestige in the Yang-tse valley. The German gunboat Tiger has relieved the Itlis at Hankau, where the Itlis stayed five months because of the shallowness of the Yang-tse at that point.

A despatch to the Cologne Gazette from St. Petersburg, dated April 1, says: "Robber bands, Boxers and Chinese soldiers have been causing fresh disturbances in Manchuria in the neighborhood of Chang Tu Fu. Gen. Kaulbars has asked the governor, Gen. Grodokoff, to send reinforcements, as a general revival of the Boxer movement is expected in the spring. The Russian garrison at Tsi Tsi Bar has been compelled to camp outside the town owing to the presence of the decomposing bod-

pelled to camp outside the town owing to the presence of the decomposing bod-ies of those who were killed during the cold weather or who perished of hun-

NANAIMO NEWS.

ng Mining Methods-Union

Nanaimo, April 1.—(Special)—J. D. Lynch, New York, C. H. K. Smith and C. J. McLaine, San Francisco, representing a big United States coal mining syndicate, inspected the New Vancouver Coal Company's works to-day, and made elaborate notes of the whole mudus operandi, with a view to employing the same in new and extensive coal mines they are opening in northern mines they are opening in northern Washington. They expressed admira-tion for the manner in which work is done here. Manager Thomas Russell

The Russians Are Preparing for More Trouble on the Frontier.

And Say They Do So Because Fearing Fresh Boxer Outbreaks.

London, April 2—"The Chinese Emperor, I am officially informed, has instead the Pelain Service of the Pelain Service of S

Private Letter States That Count Tolstoy Has Been

Madrid Views His Capture With Somewhat Mixed Feelings.

St. Petersburg, April 1.—The trial of Peter Karpovich, sentenced to 20 years' penal servitude, with a loss of civil rights, for the assassination of M. Bogoo-The press is divided on the sub-The pres

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Gen. French's Operations Force Them to Retire to the Eastward.

the syndicate made on March 2, 1901, has been accepted by more than 98 per cent. of the holders of stock, and the plan proposed has become operative.

Morgan & Co. offered for the account of the United States Steel Corporation, in exchange for the preferred and common stock of the American Co., and for the stock of the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron Mines, certificates for preferred stock and common stock of the United States Steel Corporation. Arferred stock and common stock of the United States Steel Corporation. Arrangements have also been made for the acquisition by the United States Steel Corporation of all the outstanding interest in the Oliver Mining Co. and the Pittsburg Steamship Co. not owned by the Carperic Co.

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MY LADY OF ORANGE

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CHAPTER XV.
THE JUSTICE OF DIEDRICH SONOY. That very morning rode into the 'town Diedrich Sonoy, governor of North Holland, and summoned certain people to at tend on him at once—Col Van Cornput, Gaspar, the burgomaster and two worthy

"I have called you together, gentlemen, to take into consideration the case of John Newstead, accused by Col Van Cornput of

"No; but, I am a man set in authority—"
"And a man under authority," quoth
Sonoy. "Enough, I came to do and not to Sonoy. "Enough, I came to do and not to quarrel with any man. You are those who judged John Newstead. I learn that you are all of one mind as to his guilt, but differed as to the sentence."
"Ach. we were of one mind," grunted Gaspar. "So I have heard. And now, gentlemen, I recognize this letter"—he tapped it with his finger—"that this letter is evidence of

Pittsburg Steamship Co. active the Carnegie Co.

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his finger—"that this letter is evidence of the strongest. So far, well—or ill. But this is all."

"And enough," cried Cornput.

"Ay, "tis enough," quoth Gaspar with a chuckle.

"You take it lightly, gentlemen. I gather

found the right man now," and he scowled at Vermell. "But, I say, let you justicers take care lest we pluck you all down by the ears! "The is long-armed " quartermaster!" grunted Gaspar.
"The host of the Yellow Pig," repeated

Sonoy, looking at Zouch, and waving him to a seat without speaking. For Sonoy the look was not harsh. Mine host came forward. "Yesterday, most 'llustrious, I was for-

Newstead, accused by Col Van Cornput of treason," said Sonoy.

"Nay, sir, judged by me," cried Cornput.

"And a ccused, I think, gentlemen? You who assisted at the trial may perhaps inform me?" said Sonoy, drily.

"True enough," quoth Gaspar.

"But, sir, I am at a loss to understand why this trial is to be repeated," said Cornput.

"Do you question the orders of the prince, sir?"

"No; but, I am a man set in authority—"

"And a man under authority," quoth

"Yesterday, most lliustrious, I was fortunate enough to receive a large amount of best Rhenish wine—"

"Never mind the wine, little man, it's drunk," grunted Gaspar, with a chuckle. Three feet away from him stood Vermeil, looking from him to me, from me to him, with sharp, flashing eyes. and his teeth showing like a weasel in a trap. Jests passed by Vermeil in that hour.

"But, your honors, what happened while the wine was being drunk I know no more than if I had drunk it myself."

Vermeil made a little sound in his throat.

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"Though indeed, the noble lleutenant sang loudly. But after—"

Gaspar grunted out a question to Sonoy.

"Was the lleutenant sober when he went away?" sald Sonoy sharply. away?" said Sonoy, sharply.

"Ah, it was marvelous, most illustrious, after the wine he had drunk; he was sober as a judge!"

Gaspar looked at Sonoy, and Sonoy nod-

with a sneer.
"Teufel! yes, and who has a better
"deletons colonel,

he said, he said, turning to the burgomas ter and Cornput, "Will you summon the Seigneur de St. Trond?" The little company, Zouch and his men, the innkeeper, Gabrielle, passed slowly out.

"Take away that dirt!" said Sonoy sharply, pointing to Vermeil's body, and two of the men took it by the feet and dragged it out.

(Continued in Next Edition.)

HORTICULTURE

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FLORAL. Pansies.

There is probably not a child who does not love the pansy, and the majority of grown people regard it with much favor. We see pansies grown in people's door yards even when no other flower is cultivated there. The one great reason for its popularity is the proposition of the proposition of the people of th tivated there. The one great reason for its popularity is the ease with which it may be grown, and the plenteous returns it gives for care spent upon it. Pansy plants are raised by getting good seeds and sowing in shallow boxes in the house or hot beds out doors. In the house seeds may be started in February, March or April. Fill the box with fine prepared dirt, bringing it nearly to the top. This soil need not be so very rich, good garden loam will answer very well. Make the top level and smooth and scatter the seeds as evenly as possible. When this is done, sift some soil over the membership of about fifty. Mr. Anderson opened the proceedings by giving a devention of the control of the

By the way, plants ought to be large enough to set out of doors. Have the ground where they are to be placed deep manure worked in. Select a cloudy day for setting out the plants, and put them about eight inches apart each way, firming them down well. By July they will begin to blossom and will continue to the meantime work the soil every week, gives the plants all the water they can drink. Keep the blossoms well picked off, so no seed pods—which take the strength filizer is liquid manure, if it is not too strong. To my mind a situation which receives the benefit of the sun till noon and is shaded for the remainder of the day is an ideal place for a pansy bed. There is really nothing complex about growing these winsome little flowers, and the slight effort on the grower's part will be more than compensated.—Northwest Horticulturist. By the way, plants ought to be large e more than compensated .- Northwest Horticulturist.

STRIKES. Painters and Decorators and Carpenters Want Shorter Hours.

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The Corporation has appropriated and has agreed to issue \$425,000,000 of such preferred stock and \$425,000,000 of such preferr

you again, why did you seek for no further evidence among the soldiers? Why did you not question Zouch, the quartermaster, Henri Vermeil. the—"

"The traitor!" cried Gaspar. "The traitor himself! He sent the Spaniards to Veermut. He taught Viteill to write this letter."

They looked at him, all amazed and letter the spaniards and letter."

The soldier's ciothes!" said Cornput, with a sneer.

"Teufe!! yes, and who has a better right? I tell you my judicious colonel, but for a quicker parry than you ever dreamed of she would be dead in soldier's went out on strike to-day. They demand an eight-hour day. In Stamford clothes now."

The thing was coming home to me at last, for I had been half-dazed with it land demand.

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Okanagan

Messrs. Anderson and Hodson's Visit to South-Eastern 0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0

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Farmers' Institute Organized at Vernon Agriculture Industry Flourishing.

Mr. J. R. Anderson, who has just returned from Okanagan in company with Mr. Hodson reports the weather is ane in that section, fully two weeks. he thinks. in advance of the usual time, and seeding is being proceeded with in many places. Their is no snow on the lower lands, but

top. This soil need not be so very rich, good garden loam will answer very well. Make the top level and smooth and scatter the seeds as evenly as possible. When this is done, sift some soil over them until they are covered about a quarter of an inch in depth. Next give a light sprinkling, and then wet a piece of spongy paper, and put over the top of the box, set in a sunny window, free from drafts, and in about eight days expect to see the first tiny shoots appear. Do not pour water over the soil, but let all moisture be given through the paper, which should be frequently moistened.

By the way, plants ought to be large had ever listened to

> pens in company with Mr. Hodges. Mr. Ricards assistant, the latter being absent. This estate under the able management of Mr. Ricards, has made great progress. The orchards, hop yards and farm generally are well worth a visit, kept as they are in suca admirable order. A few car loads of last year's apples still remain unsold. Mr. John Thompson's farm, near Larkin, was a so visited, affording Mr. Hodson an op-

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