proceeded to examine the Japanese demands, and on Jan. 25, M. Kurino, the

PRICE TWO CENTS.

# EUROPE PREPARES FOR ALL THE NATIONS ARMING Mands, and on Jan. 25, M. Rufflo, the Japanese minister, was informed, in reply to his inquiry, that the Czar had intrusted the proposals to a special conference, the members of which would meet Jan. 28, and that his majesty's decision would probably not be given before Feb. 2. On the last named data Emperor Nicholas ordered the

French Gov't. Warns Spain Britain Is About to Seize Spanish Territory --- Sweden and Denmark Preparing.

#### COSSACKS DEFEAT A JAP DETACHMENT IN KOREA

Later Reports From Lake Baikal Say But One Soldier Was Killed Government. Forty-eight hours before the receipts of the news of the rupture, Foreign Minister Lamsdorff notiin Accident-Russia to Use Political Suspects in Her Armies—Chinese Pirates Create Havoc Along Coasts.

cording to a telegram from the Madrid blatt, the French Government has confidentially given warning to the Spanish cabinet of the secret plans of the British Government to seize parts of Spanish territory in case of war.

This is the reason why Spain is sending troops to the Canary Islands, Ceuta, Galacia and the neighborhood of the Straits of Gibraltar. The French Government has also advised the strengthening of the fortifications on

certain parts of the Spanish coast. Baron Richthofen, the minister foreign affairs, says that in view of the outbreak of war it is impossible for Germany to withdraw the 2,600 mer she has in China and at Kado Tchan. The troops in China are the backbone

Sweden is now following the exampl of Denmark and is also arming.

COSSACKS FIGHT JAPS.

An Engagement in Korea in Which Japs Are Defeated. St. Petersburg, Feb. 20. - A dispatch

picket of Cossacks attacked a small detachment of Japanese troops on Korean territory. The Cossacks cap-

ian Nobleman Fails to Comprehend the Change of Sentiment.

Chicago, Feb. 20. - "Russia will look on the present attitude of the United States toward her as a visitation of divine justice because she did not heel the appeals from the Boers for help their struggle against Great Britain," said Baron Eugene De Fersen, a Russian nobleman, cousin of Baron A Schlippenbach, Russian consul at Chicago, who is here on a visit. "Time and again," continued the baron, "did President Kruger appeal to

Russia for sympathy and help against England, and as often did the Russian Government refuse to aid the Boers. "In the conquest of the Philippines test was heard from Russia. But when THE KAISER'S HOLIDAY. Russia peaceably occupied Manchuria, pouring millions of roubles into the development of the country and its great resources, does the United States hold aloof from our affairs? No. There is developed in the United States a great interest in the preservation of the integrity of China, and protest is made to Russia. It is most incomprehensible to us Russians why the United States, whom we have always looked upon as our friend, should so turn upon us."

WILL USE POLITICAL SUSPECTS. St. Petersburg, Feb. 20. - According to the terms of an imperial order just issued, political suspects under police surveilance are permitted to enter the army in the field as privates, after which the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Justice can order the withdrawal of police supervision over

commission under the presidency of complications to the far eastern situal hereditary Grand Duke Michael Alex tion, has been made by the Chinese brother of the Czar, to arrange for the most speedy construction and similar representations have been of submarine boats, cruisers and other vessels, to meet the expense of which European capitals. The Chinese Gova public subscription has been started by the press. LAKE BAIKAL DISASTER.

News From Russian Source Say but

One Man Was Killed. St. Petersburg, Feb. 20. - With 1c-

disaster to Russian troops at Lake Baikal (one report saying that three tempting to cross the icecovered lake). troops on board rushed into the ob-

The wave of patriot'sm sweep'ng

the altar of patriotism and are ready until Feb. 11." from Port Arthur today says the first member that Russia is strong, not land encounter occurred yesterday. A only in arms, but in God's blessing." CHINESE PIRATES ACTIVE.

with all the Czar's faithful to sacrifice yourself for the fatherland. Re-A special Port Arthur dispatch says cruising off that port.

tured some Japanese prisoners, on whom they found maps and papers. the Japanese fleet was observed Feb. 18 Reports from Northern Korea say UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA. the Koreans are showing a decidedly friendly attitude to the Russians. ing troop without difficulty to the various points of concentration. Native reports say that the Chinese pirates, since the cutbreak of hostilities have been displaying such activity in Eastern Aslatic waters as to al-

most paralyze the coasting trade.

GERMANY AGREES WITH HAY,

Berlin, Feb. 20. - The foreign office man ambassador at St. Letersburg and the minister of Germany at Tokio to which they are accredited Germany's adherence to the principles contained in Secretary Hay's note on the neutrality of China. Both powers gave a general assurance that those by the United States, no note of pro- principles were acceptable to them.

> Berlin, Feb. 20. - Emperor William starts on his Mediterranean holiday on Hohenzollern at Messina, Sicily. When work. THE SACRED TOMBS.

China Says Belligerents Must Not

Disturb Them.

London, Feb. 19, 3 a.m.-The Wash-

ington correspondent of the Merning Post says a communication of the utmost importance, which may add fresh minister to Sccretary of State Hay, made by the Chinese ministers ernment has addressed both Russia and Japan, reiterating her intention to maintain strict neutrality, but leclaring the sancity of the tombs of the cestors of the Chinese dynasty at Mukden and elsewhere must be respected by the belligerents. RUSSIA DLAMES JAPAN.

ference to the sensational stories of a A Statement Issued of Events Pre-

ceding the Rupture.

it is explained that the trans-Baikal account of the events immediately pro- was in flames. line was blocked at the Baikal sta- ceeding the rupture with Japan is pub- In the panic that followed someone tion during the night of Feb. 18 by an lished in the Official Messenger today, avalanche of snow which fell from a with the "object of rectifying certain neighboring mountain. A train having statements from Japanese sources." In this account it is stated that on struction, the locomotive was derailed, receipt of the late Japanese proposals,

## The Spaniards in a Panic; Fear a Seizure by Britain

readiness to start for the Balearic way connected with his position as am Islands. War Minister Linares has bassador. The foreign office here conalso sent a circular to the military au- firms this. thorities ordering the recall of all the uneasiness exhibited on the consolidiors on furlywigh and to retain with the tinent in regard to the possibility that Close a Peolroom. soldiers on furlough, and to retain with a European war may ensue from the colors men whose service termin- struggle in the far east, is not shared ates March I. These measures caused by Great Britain. No power has made considerable excitement. Rumors con-tinue to circulate in spite of official every contingency, and yet now here operated for a long time in the outdenials, that this military activity is is confidence greater that the hostilidue to a warning from a European ties will be confined to Russia and Ja-power that in the event of a continent-pan than it is in London. The naval mented by a poss of citizens, and

parture (connecting it with rumors that the Czar was displeased with his ambasadors at Washington and London and the recent turn of events), and out of baseless rumors threatening to the recent turn of events). The Russian embass are being sent to Gothland cut of baseless rumors threatening to the recent turn of baseless rumors threatening to the recent turn of baseless rumors threatening to the recent turn of baseless rumors threatening are being sent to Gothland busy said positively that Count Bendered to be prepared for active servences and the control of the recent turn of events). The boy said positively that Count Bendered to be prepared for active servences and the parture (connecting it with rumors that the rumors that the registered during the night and military activity is posse man; Edward Harris, inspector, not seriously; Edward Downs, seriously; Edward Downs, seriously; Edward Downs, seriously; two unknown, not seriously.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 20. — A 12-year-old office boy walked into the cutom of the grand of the grand of the grand of the grand of the control of the redictions. This state was agreated over the fears of international rounced of states and Russia to consequence of states and Russia to seriously; two unknown, not seriously.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 20. — A 12-year-old office at the grand out of the grand out of the recent turn of events). The following are the highest and low-ships are the fine readiness.

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The coast artillery has consequence of the resolution of the grand out of the

Madrid, Feb. 20. — Two regiments of infantry at San Sebastian, and two regiments of Pampeluna, are held in his regiment. The embassy added that the ambassador's journey was in no SIV MEN CHOT

al war Great Britain intended to seize points on the Spanish coast.

Count Beneckendorff, the Russian ampower must adopt, however remote the continuous announced from continental capitals, which any power must adopt, however remote the continuous announced from continental capitals, which any power must adopt, however remote the continuous announced from continental capitals, which any power must adopt, however remote the continuous announced from continental capitals, which any power must adopt, however remote the continuous announced from continental capitals, which any power must adopt, however remote the continuous announced from continental capitals, which any power must adopt, however remote the continental capitals.

Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 20. - Un- probably mortally; Wm.

date Emperor Nicholas ordered the preparations of a draft of definite instructions to Baron De Rosen, the Russian Company of the Russian sian minister to Japan, based on the deliberations of this conference. On Viceroy Alexieff and Baron De Rosen containing the text of the draft of a

Feb. 3 identical telegrams were sent to proposed Russian agreement with a full statement of the reason which prompted Russia to modify the Japanese proposals, and general instructions to Baron De Rosen concerning the pre-sentation of the reply to the Japanese fied M. Kurino of the dispatch of the

On Feb. 5 Viceroy Alexieff notified the foreign office of Baron De Rosen receipt of the reply. On Feb. 6, at 1 New York, Feb. 20.—A special cable verely injured, and fourteen were handed to Count Lamsdorff two notes, from Berlin to the Herald says: A .- slightly hurt. Traffic was said to be notifying him of the rupture of the resumed the following day. Further negotiations and of the deplomatic readvices from Port Arthur today say lations, and adding that he, M. Kurino. correspondent of the Berliner Tage- that all the women and children and and his staff, would leave St. Petersmost of the male civilians have left burg Feb. 10. These notes were that place and that practically only companied by a private letter from M. the garrison remains. Kurino to Count Lamsdorff, expressing over the empire seems to be swamp- would be confined to the shortest posracial feeling, even the wild tribes sible time.

the Caucasus, the discontented On the same day Viceroy Alexieff Finns and sullen Poles forgetting their Baron De Rosen, and all the Russian grievances and coming forward to voi- representatives at Pekin, Tokio and unteer their services to the common the capitals of the great powers, were fatherland. An instance of devotion informed by urgent telegrams of the among the Czar's Hebrew subjects is rupture of relations and of the issue afforded by the act of 45 Jewish doctors of an imperial order withdrawing the in throwing up their practices to go to Russian legation from Tokio, and laythe front. Before leaving they attended ing on Japan the responsibility for all a service held in a synagogue here. consequences ensuing. The communi-Rabbi Drabkin made a fervid address cation concludes: "Although the to a large congregation, which includ- breaking off of diplomatic relations by ed Baron Ginzburg and other Jewish no means implied the opening of hosnotables. He said "Our fatherland is tilities, the Japanese Government as passing through a difficult epoch. The early as the night of Feb. 8, and dur moment has come when you, my broing Feb. 9 and Feb. 10, committed a thers, must show the whole world that whole series of revolting attacks on you are not unworthy sons of your Russian warships and merchantmen country, and that although standing attended by violations of international apart before the altar of religion you law. The decree of the Emperor of united with other citizens before Japan declaring war was not

## WHERE DID THIS MONEY COME FROM?

in Connection With Toronto's Scandal.

Toronto, Feb. 20. - Crown Attorney March 3, joining the imperial yacht tives were immediately placed at It is said that Mr. Curry semunicated to his majesty he gave up his proposed trip, but, as the international situation became calm he again track those interested have but little nnounced his intention of taking a doubt, and it is expected that the threatened charges of perjury against vent important witnesses from leaving town. To accomplish this means Maguire was D. R. O. a system of shadowing those whose

STREET CAR RUNS AMUCK

A Thrilling Incident on the Streets of Pittsburg

Pittsburg, Feb. 20. - A blazing Larimer avenue electric car, all brakes off with twenty passengers aboard, raced madly down Fifth avenue early today from Grant almost to Market street. For fifteen minutes after the car came to a stop it blazed like a furnace. Four As Grant street was reached, eastbound, the front motor blew out. The motorman's platform to escape the tempted to hold the car from that end. The second motor also exploded, and in an instant the rear end of the car released the one brake that held the car at the top of the hill. The flight passengers crowding wildly toward the

motorman's platform to escape the One woman, Dorothy Greenup, leaped over the high wire gate at the side

When Market street was reached and the car stopped of itself, several people were still aboard, although the car was more than half ablaze. E. J. pson broke through a window, and dragged with him an unknown colored man. He was severely hurt.

SIX MEN SHOT

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 20. - In an effort skirts of Madison, Ill., across the river bearing warrants for the arrest of six Father Point.... bassador, left London this morning for contingency of their employment may men. One may die.

The afternoon news- appear.

The wounded — Lee Harlan, druggist

The Russians are reported as advancing on Scoul, fifteen hundred Cossacks being in the vicinity of Wiju. They claim to have defeated a party of Japanese, taking several prisoners. The Chinese are keen to fight the Russians, and are being kept in check with great difficulty. Russia has issued a statement to the world, rehearsing the history of the rupture and placing the onus of commencing the war on Japan. She also announces that telegrams going abroad will be no longer censored. In the last twentyfour hours there has been no definite news as to movements of troops or ships with the exception of the Czar's fleet at Jubital, which has been order- + ed back to the Baltic. France is said to have warned Spain that Britain intends to seize Spanish territory. The anti-British feeling increases in Russia, where is also a great outburst of patriotism, even the Poles and Finns joining in the demonstrations. Sweden and Denmark are rushing war

preparations. Russia has refused to permit the placing of a United States consul at Dalny. Russia is agreeable to . respecting Chincse Integrity as proposed in Mr. Hay's note, but makes an exception of Manchuria. The rumered drowning of Russian soldiers at Lake Baikal turns out to have been

a railway accident in which

one soldier perished.

## SAM THOMPSON CAN'T BE FOUND

Whereabouts-Man Wanted in Ballot Fraud Inquiry.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 20. - Members Curry, who has been working upon of the Thompson family were again in dynamite attached to a work train on the election ballots in pursuit of evi- the witness bex this morning in the dence for the scandal inquiry, made civil investigation, but none of them some most important discoveries. He would disclose the whereabouts of their at Jackson station, 88 miles west of refused to divulge the nature of the brother Sam, the missing deputy rediscoveries, but they were of such im- turning officer. James Thompson portance that when W. R. Riddell was swore that a man-named Coventry told notified of them by Mr. Curry ne left him yesterday that Sam would be back the examination of witnesses at yesterday morning's session of the scandal in town today. The crown attorney toinquiry, and hastened into his private room, where, with Mr. Fasken, his asroom, where, with Mr. Fasken, his as- a warrant is out for Sam's arrest, and fireman named Burt, with his wife with Russia in 1895 against Japan, it sistant, he went over the matter thor- that Sam is expected to tell the story and three children, were killed. The would be natural for Russia to seek oughly, and as a result two detectof his relations with candidates and the first news of the outbreak of war cured from personal sources informa- There seems good reason to believe,

Senator George A. Cox was called terday, when Detective Inspector Stark this morning to swear that he had was instructed to take steps to prenot voted. His vote was recorded in injured.

evidence is regarded as important will he had been poll clerk for Sam for be undertaken from now until they are called into the witness box. two years before this election, in which he had acted as D. R. O., having been The poll book of 1903 was produced, and Thomas Thompson admitted that Sam's handwriting. He could not ex-

> Judge Winchester, who is conducting the investigation, was today served with a writ of summons and notice of motion, returnable on Monday, for an truce carried by Americans landed from and Retvizan are almost completed order to restrain the judge from proceeding with the investigation.
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> The action is instituted by F. A. it is asserted, retaliated and scattered Drake, acting for Richard Lane, 519 the insurgents. No international com-Markham street.

The grounds set forth in the notice are that the investigation of the bal- de Macoris, came here as a refugee on lots being made by Crown Attorney board the St. Simon, will join for-Curry is being improperly used in this mer President Wos y Gill, who is reinvestigation, and it is further alleged siding here. San Domingo city orders that the investigation is irregular and its provisions from Porto Rico direct, illegal and unless restrained, will pre- the supplies of that capital being exjudice the plaintiff as a ratepayer of hausted. A schooner loaded with pro-

### WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW-COLD AND SNOWY. London, Saturday, Feb. 20.
Sun rises..7:10 a.m. Moon rises..9:03 a.m.
Sun rets...5:53 p.m. Moon sets..10:10 p.m.
Toronto, Feb. 19—8 p.m. Light snowfalls have occurred today in the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere the weather has been for the most part Frovinces, while in Alberta there has been a return to colder weather. been a return to colder weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 40 below—26 below; Victoria, 40—42; Kamloops, 34—40; Ecmonton, 8 below—6 below; Qu'Appelle, 8—22; Winnipeg, 14 below—22; Port Arthur, 2 below—14; Saugeen, 4—18; Toronto, 10—20; Ottawa, 6—20; Montreal, 4—16; Quebec, zero—14; Halifax, 10—32. FORECASTS. Today-Fine and moderately cold. Sunday-Strong easterly winds; cold;

snow by night. TEMPERATURES. 8 a.m. Stations. WEATHER NOTES.

burning yesterday the weather was a little milder in nearly all portions of the country, but fairly low temperatures were registered during the night. Another cold wave has appeared over Alberta, and the general outlook is unfavorable for much change in the present existing wintry conditions.

money in such a way.

Just before the noon adjournment,
Mr. Riddell reported to the judge that interested parties were annoying Mrs. Durance, who is an old lady, and the mother of the poll clerk, who has told the story of ballot stuffing. His honor said he would make a severe example of anyone guilty of this. It is said that Thomas Thompson will be arrested to-day, charged with raud as poll clere

LATER. Thomas Thompson, brother of Sam Thompson, the D. R. O., has been arrested on a charge of perjury.

n Sam Thompson's pell last year.

DEVONSHIRE TALKS

Duke Tells Lords He Is a Convince Free Trader.

London, Feb. 20. - In the House of Lords yesterday, the Duke of Devonshire (Liberal Unionist), made a long speech on the fiscal question. He explained his position and the reasons for his resignation as Lord President of the council, and said when he read Mr. Balfour's Sheffield speech he found

Balfour's views. Consequently, the convinced free trader, to remain in the the home trade of temporary inconpressed the strongest dissatisfaction NO JAPS IN SIGHT. with the attitude of the Government. Stoke-Newington, said the country was almost in the .general election, which, notwithstanding any attempt Happily, the danger of Chamberlain's in Norwich and Mid Herts, It might be said that protection was defeat-

## DYNAMITE KILLS TWENTY-THREE Hai Kwan. cossacks in korea.

Up by a Collision in Utah Territory.

Ogden, Utah., Feb. 20. - Two cars of the Ogden-Lucin cut-off of the Southern Pacific Railroad, exploded with terrific force late yesterday afternoon ALLIANCE AGAINST BRITAIN. Ogden, killing at least 23 persons, and the stories published in Paris and a large amount of property. It is intrigues looking to the coalition of thought a large proportion of the victims were Greek laborers. tor Geo. Dermody, of Ogden, and his take steps that the struggle be local-

a radius of half a mile. train running into the two cars load- prepared for any and all eventualities. between Russia and Japan was com- tion which will answer that important however, that if the family can induce ed with powder. Five locomotives Russian dispatches record the rapid were reduced to scrap iron and the growth of anti-British feeling, one big steam shovel at Jackson station saying many English boys have been was completely demolished. As 200n withdrawn from Russian schools owas news of the explosion reached Og- ing to insults, and there is evidence in holiday. The empress' health prevents her from accompanying the Emperor to the Mediterranean.

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source of the plentiful s scene. Late last night a train arrived very dangerous should Great Britain

#### SAN DOMINGO'S WAR Insurgently Completely Routed and

Their Cause Considered Hopeless. San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 20. - The steamers Julias and St. Simon, from

Santo Domingo, report that General Jiminez, the Dominican revolutionary that his whereabouts is unknown, and that his cause is hopeless. a warship, who were going to consult

plications are expected. Senor Es-chala, former governor of San Pedro visions sails for San Domingo at once.

#### DOWN THE EMBANKMENT

Accident to Soo Express on C. P. R -Nobody Injured. Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Feb. 20 .- No.

, C. P. R. express, going east, left the track yesterday afternoon half a mile this side of Desbarats, 30 miles from the Daily Mail supplies a new version consuls or consular agents there during the period of hostilities. His views Soo. A spread rail caused the acciveling, No. 8 was three hours late survived the passing here. The engine passed over all right, but the mail car, express and baggage and two passenger cars, all except the Pullman, rolled down the embankment, which is rather high at this point, and are lying upside down. A wrecking crew was sent down from here. No one was killed, but the passengers suffered consider ably from the shock. The Soo is now having its share of late trains and heavy stormy weather. Both east and west bound trains the hours late. The west-bound train last due to arrive at 5:35, was five hours late before reaching the scene of the accident, which will delay it

A BOY DESPERADO

until some time this morning.

Twelve-Year-Old Lad Attempts

## TROOPS REPORTED AS ADVANCING ON SEOUL

Fifteen Hundred Cossacks Are Crossing the Korean Border Near Wiju---Chinese Anxious to Fight Russia.

U. S. TO LAND MARINES IN GERMANY'S SPHERE

Battleships Damaged in Port Arthur Being Rapidly Repaired-Russia Removes Censorship From the Telegraph and Cable -Manchuria Excepted by Russia in Reply to Hay's Note.

been occupied by them. Their present the only result of a retaliatory duty the Korean capital. The Japanese leon American iron would be to relieve gation in Seoul has been greatly strengthened during the last few days.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: James Bryce, M. P., speaking of at Major-General Pflug, chief of staff to Viceroy Alexieff, has sent the foltake place upon the fiscal question. Ping Yang, Korea. The population is lifting of the embargo which has exist

advanced into Korea as far as Anju. Cablegrams received here from Shanghai declare that General Ma, who is protecting the borders of Chi Li Province wires that it is becoming daily more difficult to prevent the Chinese troops at Sin Ming Ting from crossing the Liau Ho, and engaging the Russians employed in guarding the railroad.

No great importance is attached to injuring as many more, and destroying elsewhere on the continent of alleged far eastern war, the belief being that Among the known dead are Conduc- it is to the interest of all nowers to train crew. It is also reported that a ized. As Germany and France joined explosion wrecked everything within similar assistance in her present diffiradius of half a mile. culties. Argument is therefore made that it behooves Great Britain to be

> AMERICA BUTTS IN. "An American squadron is expected

here," telegraphs the Che Foo correspondent of the Morning Post under date of Feb. 19, "and it is reported that the Americans intend to land a force of marines. There are rumors of possible trouble with Germany, who claims exclusive rights in Shan Tung. Only three Russian warships at Port Arthur remain intact."

has been completely routed, BATTLESHIPS REPAIRED. A private dispatch received at Paris

from Port Arthur says the repairs to recent fight was on a flag of the Russian battleships Czarevitch The statement is published in Paris this morning from St. Petersburg that the Czarina occupies herself every day in company with ladies of nobility in preparing Red Cross material. The St. Petersburg correspondent of evening. the Paris Figaro cables that the Rus- MANCHURIA EXCEPTED. sian squadron at Jibutil, French Somaliland, on the Gulf of Aden, has been ordered to return to Cronstadt. The Russian squadron at Jibutil consists, as far as is known, of the battleship Oslabya, the cruiser Aurora, the cruiser Dmitri Douski and a number of torpedo boat destroyers. It was reported from St. Petersburg Feb. 15 that this squadron had been instructed to remain at Jibutil until further orders. It has been suggested that the stopping of these warships at Jibutil might lead to international representations. Jibutil being a neutral French port, BOYARIN ON THE ROCKS. The Tien Tsin correspondent of the

survived the blowing up of the States, which had appointed a consu Russian torpedo transport Yeneisei. there.

London, Feb. 20. - A dispatch from This officer says that the day fol-Tokio says: Reports received here from Korea state that Russian troops many mines to the surface of the are advancing toward Seoul, and that water at Port Arthur. The Boyahe had altogether misconceived Mr. a strong position at Ping Yang has rin was sent to assist in securing them, but she got caught in the storm, was driven on the rocks and was duke found it impossible, as he was a movements, however, do not indicate totally wrecked. This may explain Continuing, the duke said any immediate intention of attacking Russian denials that the vessel was

RUSSIA PROGRESSES. Censorship of Telegrams Geing

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20. lowing telegram from Port Arthur: sian Government yesterday abolished of the Government to prevent it, could "Our scouts report that no Japanese the censorship upon all news and not long be postponed; the fight would have been seen either at Tsen Chu or other telegrams going abroad. The campaign succeeding seemed to be indifferent towards us. The ice on ed for generations upon the free transeassing, especially since the elections the Yalu River is beginning to go out. mission of news from Russia came as Natives say that if a high tide comes a direct result of consideration of the in five days the ice will begin to subject by the Czar. In some respects It rested with the constituencies drift. The west coast of the Liao the action is regarded as the most imin the general election to turn that defeat into a rout, so that protection a distance of a mile and a quarture of the serfs. Under a regime allowtion might never raise its ugly head ter to sea. None of the enemy's ships ing perfect freedom to the foreign have been seen lately. There have press, it is believed that Russia will been no fresh attempts to destroy the soon cease to be constantly subject to railroad." Paul Lessar, Russian min-ister at Pekin, has telegraphed that grams addressed to foreign sources Yuan Shai Kai, commander-in-chief of originating in the most distant parts the Chinese army, intends to send of the empire — Vladivostock, for in-10,000 men from Pao Ting Fu to Shan stance, or Odessa — were formerly telegraphed to St. Petersburg, to be passed on. M. Plehve, Minister of the Interior, and Count Lamsdorff, The correspondent at Seoul of the Foreign Minister, both joined in the Daily Mail reports that 1,500 Cossacks recommendation that the censorship An Important Discovery Made Family Refuses to Disclose His Two Cars of the Explosive Blown are crossing the border near Wiju, be abolished. The internal censorship and that Cossack scouts have already is to be retained but foreign dispatches are to be entirely free. Inasmuch as a state of war exists, telegrams from the theater of hostilities will be subject to enforced in all countries under similar circumstances.

> RUSSIAN COMMANDERS. St. Petersburg, Feb. 20. - War Min-

ister Kuropatkin, who is going to the far east, will be appointed commander-in-chief of army ations there, and Vice-Admiral Makaroff, who is now on his way east on a train which is expected to reach Port Arthur in ten days, breaking all in-chief of the navy. Rear-Admiral Jessen has been appointed to succeed Rear-Admiral Ewatti Von Stackelberg, commander of Vladivostock squadron Rear-Admiral Jessen has the reputation of being a bold sailor. He will leave St. Petersburg immediately. There is no intimation that Viceroy Alexieff will not retain the viceroyalty in the far east. It is possible how ever, that the active direction of field movements may pass out of his hands. Grand Duke Michael, the Czar's eldest brother, and heir-presumptive to the throne, and several hundred officers, assembled at the Nicholas railroad station to bid farewell to a number of comrades who left for the front. Intense enthusiasm prevailed.

WELCOMED THE CREWS. Tokio, Feb. 19. - The crews of Nis-

shin and Kasuga, the two cruisers purchased by the Japanese Government from Italy, were formally received today in Tokio. The men were brought from Yokohama on a special train. There was an enormous crowd spectators, extending from the Shinbashi station along the streets to Sibiyet Park, where a garden party comed by Mayor Ozaki, who said they had done more than undertaken a perilous journey. They were the bearers and embodiment of sympathy for Japan of the enlightened west. The park and surrounding streets were decorated, and tonight there was an cruisers were given a dinner this

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19. — Russia's

reply to Secretary Hay's note on Ambassador McCormick today by Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, and was promptly dispatched to Washington The terms of the reply have not been divulged here. They are along the lines previously indicated, being a virtual acceptance in principle, with the extheater of war, and where Russia's special interests lie. The foreign office plained that as Dalny was practically in a state of siege, and without commerce it was impracticable to allow Owing to snow and heavy tra- arin, obtained from one officer who have been communicated to the United

## Wild Scenes On the Bourse; War Rumors Scare Paris

Paris, Feb. 20. - Wild excitement | The financial authorities claimed that last week have been four and five prevailed on the Bourse today as the not since 1882 had a scene occurred on result of startling, contradictory re- the Bourse like that of today, Almost ports concerning possible world com- from the opening the lading securities plications growing out of the war, began to fall. French rentes were par-These rumors included the prospective ticularly affected. Russian Impeciais mobilization of the French and Cer- also dropped, as did other foreign The evening papers also said that

serious influence was exercised by the Spanish rentes were especially affected report of difficulties between the United by the great confusion which pravail-States and Russia in consequence of ed over the fears of international com-

bonds. During the early hours heavy depreciations occurred on all sides, leading up to brutal sacrifices of values.