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### DEATHS.

DONALDSON-In London township, on Feb. 29th, 2904, Alexander, eldest son of the late John Donaldson, late of London township, aged 76 years. Funeral from his late residence, lot 12

con. 9. London township, on Wednesday, March 2nd, 1904, at 2 p. m.; service at 1.30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances, please accept this intimation. Interment at Carmichael cemetery MACARTHUR .- At the family residence, Warneliffe Road, South London, on Saturday, Feb. 27th, 1904, Catherine, widow

of the late Alexander Macarthur. Funeral from the above residence. Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Service at 2 p. m.

McNAMARA .- In this city, on Feb. 28, 1904. Michael, beloved husband of Bessie McNamara.

Funeral from her late residence, 20 Wharncliffe Road, London South, on Tuesday morning. March 1st. at 8.30 o'clock, to St. Peter's Cathedral. Mass at 9 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances, please accept chis intimation. MURRAY-At the family residence, 428

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Funeral on Tuesday, at 1 o'clock, to Woodland cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

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## Russians Go Out to Meet the Attack but Are Forced to Retire---One Russian Warship Sunk, Another in a Sinking Condition, and Two Others Badly

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## THE BLOCKADE OF YLADIYOSTOCK.

Japanese Possess Full Command of the Sea.

THE SITUATION IN COREA,

A General Engagement Not Expected for Some Time, But Small Skirmishes May Occur at Any Moment-120,000 Japanese Troops at | Seoul - Chinese Military Movements in Manchuria Arouse Russian Supicions-Report Says the Japs Are Determined to

(By Special C. P. R. Wire). London, Tuesday, March 1.-A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Yin-Kow, dated February 29, says:-"Fifteen Japanese warships furiously again damaged. The Japanese with-drew in good order."

Costs.

FAMILIAR JAP TACTICS. The pause in the war operations in the far East has been broken by another Japanese attack on Port Arthur, of which only the foregoing brief account is yet to hand. This report, however, shows a repetition of the now familiar tactics of the Japanese. It Standard, dated Feb. 29, says a Jais presumed that this attack was made in bad weather, previous telegraphic advices having reported a severe gale one o'clock on the morning of 29th, raging at Port Arthur. As usual, the and it is believed they c Japanese did not remain long enough Japanese who took refuge Japanese did not remain long enough off the harbor to enable the gunners at the forts to get their range. Again, thur. also, the same three cruisers - the Bayan, the Askold and the Novik-- A correspondent of the Times at ed Kasanja, Corea, and is expected to came out to the attack, and this sug- Wei-Hei-Wei, cabling under date of arrive at Ichio-Yang to-day. His men

effective ships there or that the larger fleet was seen off the Shan-Tung coast battleships were unable to get out. this morning. THE BLOCKADE OF VLADIVOS-

A St. Petersburg despatch says:—
Direct confirmation of the report from Hakodate that Vladivostock is blockaded by Japanese vessels cannot be partially obstruct the entrance to the not improbable. During the Japanese landing operations in Corea, the Puss.

A Tokio correspondent of the Times cables that the steamers sunk by the Japanese on either side of Russian The Cossack graph line at A Japanese landing operations in Corea, the Puss. landing operations in Corea, the Russian warships to the north were a constant menace, and blockading them would be the most effective means of gagement in Corea Not Expected securing non-interference. Further-more, it is worthy of note that for more than one week no word has been allowed to come from Vladivostock. and this itself seems strong presump-

ard transpiring. JAPS COMMAND THE SEA. of Russian cavalry scouts north of No news is published here to-day Ping Yang and drove them back. of operations or movements other than It is estimated that 60,000 Japanese at Port Arthur. As an indication that troops have landed at Chemulto The the Japanese possess full compand of the sea, the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, says it has been transports now are escorted by war vessels. officially announced that the Japanese mail boat service between Shanghai and Japan will be resumed Saturday without naval escort.

Capture Port Arthur To-day at All WILL REMAIN IN THE BALTIC. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Eche de Paris confirms the report that the Russian squadron, under Admiral Wirenius, which was last reported in the Red Sea, is returning Libau, Courland, and says it will remain in the Baltic until June. CONFLICTING REPORTS. Many alleged dispositions of opposbombarded Port Arthur from 10 o'clock ing military forces are published this

until 12 o'clock this morning. The Russian cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan, accompanied by four torpedo boats, steamed out to meet the attack. They were, however, forced to guns, is advancing along the east retire. The Askold was in a sinking coast of Corea to prevent the land-condition, the Novik was badly daming of the main Japanese army. aged, and a torpedo boat was sunk. and the comment is made that possi-The Russian battleship Retvizan was bly the reported Japanese landing at Possiett Bay may have been made with the intention of attacking this force. A despatch from Shanghai to the Daily Chronicle says the Russians are transferring the guns from the disabled ships at Port Arthur to the

forts there ENTERED THE HARBOR. A despatch from Che Foo to the after the attempt to bottle-up

OFF SHAN-TUNG COAST.

gests that either they were the only February 29th, says:-"A Japanese and horses are in good condition, and

PARTIAL OBSTRUCTION. A Tokio correspondent of the Times

for Some Time. Che Foo, Feb. 29 .- The twentyninth Japanese infantry, occpuying tive evidence that important events Ping Yang, midway between Seoul and the Yalu River on Sunday met a body

troops have landed at Chemulpo. The

NO CASUALTIES.

Tokio, Sunday February 27 .- Telegrams reporting small land engagenents between Russian scouts and Japanese outposts at Ping Yang today fail to mention any casualties. It is presumed there were none on account of the small number of men engaged and the distance separating the opposing detachments. It is reported here that there will be small engagements soon somewhere in nor thern Corea where the Russians are scouting over an extended area close to the Japanese positions but a gen-eral engagement is not expected for some time. The Russian force south of the Yalu River is inconsiderable its greatest strength seeming to be in the vicinity of Wiju. North of the Yalu the Russian army is constant'y increasing in numbers, and is being mobilized, but the chances of it assuming the offensive are slight. The Japanese are constantly strengthen-ing their position and increasing their

The Corean court has donated \$100,-000 to the Red Cross hospitals. The ministers of Great Britain and the United States at Seoul are Lavorably inclined to the Japanese-Corean protocol The Tokio Government has in-

structed the local authorities to ex-

nent of mounted Cossacks, has reach-

'ed Kasanja, Corea, and is expected to

tend special protection and facilities to the Russian consul at Fusan, Corea

who is to reach Moji, Japan, to-day and proceed thence for Nagaaki whence he will sail for home. RUSSIANS ADVANCING. Liao Yang Manchuria, Feb. 29. General Mishtchenko, with a detach-

he is well supplied with provisions. The Corean officials are fleeing from the places traversed and are inform-

ing the Japanese of the approach of The Cossacks have seized the telegraph line at North Corea. A Japanese major, Togo Ta

and five men, captured by at Wiju, have been brought-120,000 JAPANESE AT SEOUL. New York, Feb. 29 .- A cable from the Foo to the Herald says that 120,000 Japanese troops have arrived at Seoul up to the present time, consisting of cavalry and infantry, but with no artillery. Altogether 80,000 men have passed through Seoul, and

40,000 through Gensan within a fortnight, northward bound via Ping Yang. FILLED WITH TORPEDOES. The harbor of Chemulpo and the approaches to the mouth of the Han River leading to Seoul are filled with submerged torpedoes. The army base being therefore protected from a sea attack, Japan fully controls Corea, and the Government is rendering assistance in the military operation. The Corean army barracks and also the disused imperial palace are used as quarters for Japanese troops. There is much talk also of the offensive and

### AT ALL COSTS The Japanese Determined to Capture

defensive alliance between Japan and

Port Arthur To-day. Liao-Yang, Manchuria, Feb. '29. -Foreigners living at Yin-Kow say that the Japanese fleet as received orders to attack and capture Port Ar-

thur March 1 at all costs. A PROFOUND IMPRESSION. St. Petersburg Fet 29.-The from Liao Yang, Man huria, th attack and capture Port Art' March 1st at all costs, couple ith the comparison of Port Arthur and Sebastopol made by the Novoe Vremya, has created a profound impression, and has added to the belief that the Japanese possibly intend to commence land and sea operations against Port

### Arthur sooner than was anticipated. WILL NOT YIELD. A General Order to the People and

Troops at Port Arthur. Port Arthur, Sunday, Feb. 28 .-General Stoessel, commander of the garrison here, has issued a general

order directing the attention of the Continued on Page Eight.

## AVOIDED A WAR DEBATE,

Frustrated

IN THE FRENCH CHAMBER. Premier Combes Did Not Consider the Present an Opportune Time for Such Discussion.

(By Special C. P. R. Wire.) Paris, Feb. 29.-There was an exciting debate in the Chamber of Deputies to-day on the proposed interpellation of M. Firman Faure (Nationalist) on the measures the Minister of Marine proposes to adopt to assure the national defence. The deputy bitterly assailed Marine Minister Pelletan, and sought to open the entire question of the Russo-Japanese war. Premier Combes insisted that the interpellation be postponed. He declared the navy was ready to fulfil every requirement. The Government, he added, assumed full responsibility for this declaration. As it was a question beyond that which any one minister would answer he asked for a postponement, not through any fears of results, but because the Opposition was trying to force a debate Philip Gagnon, daughter of Mr. Guay, on the entire range of exterior ques- and the eight children of Thomas tions. The Government did not con- Guay, jr., who also was in the house.

a discussion. cialist) caused a commotion by shouting to M. Ribot (the former Premier), "Did you want to declare war?" The interpellation finally was adjourned by 328 to 251 votes. This unusual Government majority is looked Sir William Harcourt Announces His will. THE PARTY WHO TOOK SABLE muff at Grand Opera House Thursday evening by mistake kindly exchange for her own at Opera House box office? B27v

New York, Feb. 29.-A meeting at

he Academy of Music, under the aus-

veighed against all entangling alliances with foreign nations. Many re-cent acts of the State Department were singled out and criticized by the resolutions, which attributed Secre-tary of State Hay's motives almost An Attempt to Force One tary of State Hay's motives almost

### hostility toward Russia. Her Naval Strength a HOLOCAUST AT ROBERVAL, QUE,

Woman and Eleven Children Burned to Death.

THE HOUSE CAUGHT FIRE

And Was Destroyed, All the Inmates

of the Place, It is Supposed,

Perishing. (By Special C. P. Vire.) Roberval ,Que., Feb. 29.—During fire which took place here last night a woman and eleven children were

burned to death.

The fire was discovered in the hous of Thomas Guay, sr., early this mornsider the moment opportune for such The place was completely consumed, discussion. and it is supposed all the inmates puring the debate M. Jaures (So-perished in the flames.

WILL WITHDRAW.

Intention to Retire from

Parliament.

(By Special C. P. R. Wire.) London, Feb. 29 .- Sir William Verpices of the Clan-Na-Gaels' one hunnon-Harcourt, Liberal member of the House of Commons for the West Dividred and twenty-sixth anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmett, has sion of Monmouthshire, has announcadopted esolutions scoring the so-called policy of the United States in

# the Far East, and asking that the burden of favor be turned to Russia rather than Japan. The resolutions, which were of considerable length, in-PURELY DEFENSIVE.

## Vital Necessity.

THE TWO-POWERS STANDARD

the Greatest Power for Peace and Lesson in the Far East on Naval Estimates Under Discus-

(By Special C. P. R. Wire.) London, Feb. 29.-In introducing the aval estimates in the House of Comnons to-day, Ernest G. Prettyman, Secretary to the Admiralty, justified the increase in the estimates on the ground that "the two-powers stand- Britain was concerned; but the moard" must be maintained. The Russian battleship programme and that of other naval powers had been considered. Russia and France together had built or were building 64 battleships, and France and Germany com-

was 63 battleships.

In considering the cruiser programme the Government was not gov-erned by this standard, but by the immense preponderance of British seaborne commerce. While regretting the increased expenditure the Admiralty regarded it as being insurance. Secretary Prettyman concluded with saying the naval policy of Great Britain was purely defensive. Recent events in the far East showed the necessity for preparedness to strike the first blow, and so obtain incalcu-lable advantage. The greatest power for peace throughout the world, he added, was the British navy, which

In the course of his speech Secretary Prettyman, referring to the great

improvement in shooting in the Brit-ish navy, instanced the British armor-

ed cruiser Leviathan, which, steam-

ment of war in the world.

ing at 12 knots, fired 10 rounds from her 9.2-inch guns in two minutes, and hit a 14 by 20 feet target 10 times at a range of 2,000 yards, J. H. Roberts (Liberal) moved a resolution calling on the Government Must be Maintained—Britain's Navy to communicate with the other great in the interests of international peace, powers and ascertain whether they are willing to diminish their shipbuilding programmes and adjust the balance of

their relative naval strength on a permanent basis. Mr. Arnold-Forster, Secretary of War, as a member of the Defence Committee, said he was of the opinion that the Government had done enough in the direction of proposals to the continental governments for a reduction of armaments. The Govern-ment was prepared to consider proposals from any foreign Government, but Great Britain's naval strength was a vital necessity. There was not a single country of Europe which could not abolish its fleet to-morrow, so far as any danger of an invasion by Great ment Great Britain's maritime supremacy was gone she might be invaded

any day.

Mr. Roberts' resolution was defeated -174 to 122.

