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grazing cattle.

ger of Redmond Playhouse Will Have Some Surprises for His Patrons Next Week.

NEW THEATRE OPENING.

Tuesday of next week the Redmon theatre will open in the Philharhall. The property has been leased long term, and under the charge of Bronson, the manager, has been thou hly overhauled. Mr. Bronson is an exenced showman. He has spent about share during that time. He has been the celebrated Codray theatres, and r with the Orpheum circuit, acting as ager in various cities on the Pacific and Middle States.

nterior arrangements are excellent, Mr. Bronson expects to spring some e surprises upon his patrons when Redmond will be at the head of the any of sixteen, and with an excellent oire of plays the people of Victoria be given an opportunity of seeing experformances at the popular prices and 25 cents.

Tuesday evening next the theatre will pened with Davy Crockett, a play Ed. Redmond has made ighout America. This will be repeat n Wednesday afternoon and again in vening. The remainder of the week medy drama. Each week two plays lay and Thursday. For matinee per the charge will be 10 cents stage has been enlarged, and excel-cenery is being provided. Immediate

put on, the changes being made r the Victoria house is in running premises will be fitted up, and two ating between these two cities.

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JAPANESE TROOPS

ON THE HUN RIVER Charge That Russians Are Maltreating

the Wounded is Deeply Resent-

ed in St. Petersburg.

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SHARP FIGHTING

Mukden, Nov. 10 .- The Japanese today assumed the offensive on the left bank of the Hun river and occupied three villages. The Russians, however, attacked them and drove them out, and again established their original lines of MAY CONSIDER PEACE defence. Vice-Admiral Skrydloff arrived here to-day.

THE RIVAL FORCES SCOUTING FOR POSITIONS.

Gen. Oku's headquarters. Nov. 10 (4 p. m.), via Fusan, Nov. 11.-A spirited Russian attack on an advanced post Tuesday night was repulsed after a half hour's musketry fire. The scouting for positions is progressing.

The birthday of King Edward was celebrated by the military attaches yesthe hospitality of Gen. Oku. Prince any suggestion of peace are: Nashimoto, Field Marshal Oyama and the correspondents participated in the celebration, which was succeeded by primitive dances and wrestling matches. Colonel Tulloch received the congratulations of the British.

JAPANESE ARE AT WORK DIGGING TRENCHES.

Huansia (ten miles south of Mukden). Nov. 10.-The weather to-day was warmmiles constituting the front of the Russian army everything was quiet, except for occasional skirmishes and artillery duels on the centre and left, where the duels on the centre and left, where the gunners fire occasionally for the sake of getting practice and to have the range should the Japanese take the offensive. Sometimes outposts inchig in facilities. When the Japanese display a white disk, ndicating a miss, the Russians reply by

raising a shirt on a bayonet. The Japanese are industriously con nuing work under cover of darkness digging immense ditches into which to eflect the water of the Shakhe river.

NOTHING KNOWN OF REQUEST FOR ARMISTICE. RUSSIAN OFFICIAL

St. Petersburg, Nov. 10.-Gen. Sak off, in a dispatch dated yesterday, reports the repulse of a Japanese attack November 8th on the Russian positions before Sinchinpu. No fighting was reported to have occurred yesterday.

The war office has no late devices from Port Arthur and nothing is known.

here of the report that Gen. Stoessel has asked for an armistice, but if so, it is considered that it must have been to oury the dead and not in view of a reached the turn of the tide, and it must pitulation.

The suggestion made by way of Tokio in my opinion would be on the basis of a that the Russians are malfreating the wounded, is deeply resented in military circles here, where it is considered that he idea may be put out as an excuse for inconceivable that Japan, at this juncthe likelihood of a repetition of a massacre such as followed the taking of Port

Arthur during the Chinese-Japanese war. Admiral Alexieff, viceroy in the Fax East, arrived in St. Petersburg to-night. anticipation of his arrival the Nevsky access to the railway platform was restricted, and only officials and correspondents were allowed. As the Vicerov's short, stout figure and bronzed visage rged from one of the cars of the cial train which had brought him Mukden he was immediately surunded by old comrades. Amid cheerng and handshaking the Viceroy stepped nto the imperial carriage and drove off the Winter Palace, where apartments erly occupied by Alexander III., but as Emperor Nicholas was not in St. Petersburg, Alexieff did not stop at the going instead to the Hotel Europe, where he will remain for the

RUSSIA WILL NOT

CONSIDER MEDIATION. Washington, D. C., Nov. 10 .- Emral times informed the neutral pow-

in a movement for intervention, the ambassador hastened to repeat what he Several newspapers printing and the several newspapers printing has announced so many times, that he ready to offer its services, has not the lightest intention to take a step toward mediation unless invited by both belliger-

The Russian government is fully aware of the views of the United States government on the subject, and it is deemed unnecessary at the Russian embassy here again to announce that it is confident this attitude will be strictly adhered

THE PROGRESS OF RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

Canea, Island of Crete, Nov. 10.-The battleship Sissoi Velike, with Vice-Admiral Voelkersam aboard, and the battleship Navarin, the cruisers Isumrid and Almaz, a number of torpedo boats and transports and the volunteer steam-er Yaroslav, of the Russian second Pacific squadron, have arrived in Suda bay.

WHEN FORTRESS FALLS. Lendon, Nov. 11.—The dispatch of the Associated Press from Washington yes-

terday confirming the statement made in these dispatches that Japan had indicated her willingness to entertain peace sug-gestions from King Edward or President Roosevelt created much interest here. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, said to-day:
"After the fall of Port Arthur, Japan

would, I believe, be ready to treat for peace on no higher essential basis than that Russia should evacuate Manchuria, Japan also agreeing similar evacuation terday. The camp was en fete through The two great difficulties in the way of "First-The apparent opposition of

Emperor Nicholas's advisers to a settlement of any kind. "Second-The preservation of Russian restige. When a nation's prestige, if not gone, is severely impaired, it is a difficult matter, even with the best of inten-

tions, to preserve it." Associated Press learns that Queen Alexandra has been in constant ication with the Dowager Empress of Russia and Emperor Nicholas nimself during the last few days. This or, with slight rain. Along the eighty as possibly likely to lead, though not in

The reiteration of the American state department determination not to intervene except on request from both of the belligerents tallies with the official attitude of the British government, but it is thought that before long some method may privately be educed whosely this may privately be advised whereby this diplomatic barrier to action will be over-

Baron Hayashi this morning had no news from Port Arthur, and discredited the rumors of its capitulation.

SAYS WAR MUST GO ON. St. Petersburg, Nov. 11.-Referring to

proposition submitted to Russia by Japan offering to accept less than she demanded before hostilities were opened. As it is ture, is prepared to offer such terms, I see no chance of ending the war."

REPORTS A COUPLE OF OUTPOST AFFAIRS.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 11 .- A dispatch announces that last night passed quietly. He also reports that there were a couple of unimportant outpost affairs the previ- Russians, their continued vigilar ous day.

THE ATTITUDE OF FRANCE ON QUESTION. tude.

Great Britain, France and the United States. It is pointed out that the main pear not to have advanced north of Saifeatures of the situation are these: Jamachi, and to have concentrated their pan is evidently weary of the war, and forces in their centre. desirous of re-establishing peace. Japan naturally looks to Great Britain and the of Russia, has no influence with Japan, attack. only activity in such a joint effort would | railroad. that she will brook no mediation at be at St. Petersburg. But this involves

tain that the United States take the lead a manner which she does not regard as

to Paris to discuss Anglo-French media-tion. The officials also say that Sir Thomas Barclay's statement is purely

RUSSIANS SHELLED THE JAPANESE TRENCHES. of the fortress.

Mukden, Nov. 11.—There was a heavy NO CONFIRMATION xchange of artillery fire yesterday at the Russian right centre. The Russian bateries began shelling the Japanese trenches, and the Japanese batteries re-

Sponded.

During last night Russian volunteers dislodged a detachment of Japanese infantry from their trenches.

The Japanese continue to show activity on the left flank without, however, doing.

any serious damage.
Comfortable dugouts are being built seem to think that they will winter where they are. The idea that Field Marshal Oyama contemplates an attempt to take Mukden is not generally enter-tained. Both sides seem to be content for the present with a suspension of hos-tilities. Warm clothing is being distributed among the troops.

NEITHER SIDE HAS GAINED ANY ADVANTAGE.

Mukden, Nov. 10.—(via Tientsin).— An artillery fire from both sides is continued at intervals. It is heavier on the THE RECOALING OF Russian right wing, where all day Nonember 9th and also during the night the Russians shelled the Japanese positions with their heavy guns. Neither side on that date gained any advantage.

NO NEWS RECEIVED FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Chefoo, Nov. 11—(evening.)—No news whatever regarding the operations at Port Arthur reached Chefoo to-day.

REPORTED ILLNESS

OF GEN. GRIPPENBERG St. Petersburg, Nov. 11.-There is persistent but unconfirmed report here stricken with apoplexy at Vilna.

EXPECT JAPANESE TO OPEN FIGHT

Mukden Nov. 10 (via Tientsin).-As a result of 100 heavy bombardment by the Discourse have withdrawn some of their batteries from the advanced positions. It is believed that no being ready to attack they are falling back to the hills.

The Russians gained great advantage when towards the end of the battle on the Shakhe river they recaptured Lone Tree hill. This hill commands a large

The operations are about the same each day. There is artillery firing most of the time, and frequent clashes of infantry at night. The soldiers of opposing outposts in close proximity engage in the exchange of cigarettes and other luxuries.

During the bombardment last night the Japanese camp opposite Manalon

The Japanese, who during the previous cannonading seemed to have suc cessfully used a searchlight directed against the Russian positions for the purpose of covering their operations at night, in the extension of their field works, in the region of the railway, did not reply last night when the Russians attacked them further to the east. The Japanese are notably economic in the use of ammunition as though anticipating ar early battle, when great quantities will become necessary.

It is known that the Japanese have placed guns of large calibre in the viciniof the Shakhe railway station, bringreceived here to-day from Gen. Sakharoff | ing Schiatun, the next station to the rth, within range of their fire. The great precautions taken by the disposition of their forces would seem to guarantee their army against a repe on of disasters of enormous magni-

The demolition of the Chinese houses Paris. Nov. 11 .- 3.05 p.m. - The . offi- appears to continue only along the fightcials here profess to be unaware of the reported joint mediation movement in sary for strategical purposes. In the extreme east, the Japanese

The prevailing conviction is that the reinforcements received by the Japan-United States to assist toward a cessa- ese have been much larger than reported tion of hostilities. France, as the ally and consequently it is expected they will

but has influence at St. Petersburg,
whereas Great Britain and the United tached to the Manchurian forces, remain Three Imperial Red Cross trains, at hatically, but with all courtesy, Russia, States do not exert strong influence at constantly in the rear of the army on through her ambassadors abroad, has

that she will brook no mediation as time in her war with Japan. It can announced that Russia expects her announced that Russia expects her not desire to exert influence on Russia the object of securing minor positions and the powners of the securing minor positions are not desire to exert influence on Russia the object of securing minor positions tending to strengthen the respective lines. The positions of the armies on both bhounced that Russia expects are said the powfor which she has communicated her which would be distasteful to her or
tend to weaken the alliance. In fact

The Russians are becoming the whole

The Russians are becoming the whole cassini, the Russian ambassome of the reports of France's inten-r, said to-night to a correspondent of tion to influence Russia are attributed Japanese lines, some even creeping up Associated Press: "I can announce to certain European political quarters, thave a very good reason to believe my government's emphatic opposition and make the prance of the property of the present the property of the present the property of the present the property of t cted and observed by all neutral France will use the utmost circumspec- and quadruple, lines of trenches, wire tion concerning any joint movement. Her entanglements, mines and pits:
the suggestion made in Great Bri-role will be solely to influence Russia in A Cossack patrol on November 10th

Several newspapers print categorical denials of the statement of Sir Thomas
Barclay, that Ambassador Cambon Alia has positive assurances that the United States government, while at all times ready to offer its services, has not the conferring with Lord Lansdowne, came sian position. The Cossacks defeated the Japanese and returned safely to the

TWICE-A-WEEK EDITION

VICTORIA, B. C., TUES DAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1904.

Reports of the grave conditions of the besieged at Port Arthur have reached Mukden, and the Russians here will not be surprised to learn of the capitulation

Russian lines.

OF ARMISTICE STORY

London, Nov. 12 .- No confirmation has reached London of the rumors current on November 10th of the capitulation of Port Arthur, that Gen. Stoessel was asking for an armistice, etc. According to the Daily Telegraph's Chefoo corres pondent, Japan has consented to open the port of Antung to steamers charter-ed by silk merchants when the latter obtain special permits. This action is due to China's protest that the exclusion of along the Russian lines, and the soldiers neutral ships would rum the silk trade. RUSSIAN LOSSES IN

> TEN DAYS' BATTLE. St. Petersburg, Nov. 11 .- A corrected casualty list of the ten days' battle of the Shakhe river, issued by the war office, places the total of killed or wounded at 33,250, of which 900 were officers. The first returns, it is explained, contained duplications, and some of the men were so slightly wounded that they

RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET.

Paris, Nov. 11.—The Japanese minister, Dr. Moxtono, had a lengthy conference with Foreign Minister Delcasse today relative to the observance of neutrality, particularly in recoaling the Russian second Pacific squadron at Madagascar and other French posses It is understood that a satisfac tory understanding was reached.

WATCHING SHIPS IN THE SUEZ CANAL.

Suez, Egypt, Nov. 11 .- Confirming the previous announcement from Port Said, shortly after the arrival of the Russian that Gen. Grippenberg, commander of consul there, it is stated here to-day that the Russian second army, has been owing to prevalent rumors that attempts may be made to wreck vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron while passing through the canal, the company is taking stringent precautions against blocking, and that a strict surveillance on both sides of the canal will be exercised during the passage of the Russian squad-

Mukden, Nov. 12.-Afternoon-The ituation is unchanged to-day. Artillery fighting continues, the firing

part of the plain over which the Japan-ese must advance.

This afternoon a severe artillery engagement took place on the Russian

> WITHOUT FURTHER NEWS FROM FORTRESS. Chefoo, Nov. 12.-No further news was

JAPANESE ATTACK

ON VILLAGE REPULSED. St. Petersburg, Nov. 12.-Gen. Sakharoff telegraphs under to-day's date that the Japanese last night attacked the were repulsed. Four Russians were

wounded. THE COALING OF RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

Port Said, Egypt, Nov. 12 .- The ves sels of the Russian second Pacific squad-ron will only be allowed to take on board sufficient coal and provisions to reach the next port. Arrangements are being made to pass them through the canal as quickly as possible. __0_

THE JAPS AND BALTIC SQUADRON.

London, Nov. 12 .- The Japanese legs tion denies that there is any truth in the report published by the Birmingham Post to the effect that Japan has comnunicated in strong terms with several Buropean governments on the subject of the Russian second Pacific squadron coal ing at neutral ports, which, it was added, of neutrality.

SUPPLY SHIPS HAVE REACHED PORT ARTHUR.

Tsintau, Nov. 12 .- The British steamer Thales has been purchased by Germans and given a German register. She is now here loading for Port Arthur. Local shipping houses have received in formation that two steamers which re-cently left here with supplies for Vladivostock have arrived there in safety. Several supply ships have reached Port Arthur within the last fortnight.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

Boston, Nov. 12 .- "No bill" in the case of Joe Walcott, the colored pugilist, charged with manslaughter in shooting Nelson Hall, jr., was returned by the grand jury to-day. The jury found that the shooting was accidental

CHIEF OF ENGINEERS SUBMITS HIS REPORT

Large Sum of Money Required for Fortifications - Many New Guns Will Be Mounted.

Washington, Nov. 12 .- General Mac-States army, in his annual report to the secretary of war, presents an exhaustive review of the work accom plished by his corps during the fiscal year ended June 30th last, and submits the estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year, beginning July 1st

next. The report says that the sea coast de fences of the United States are more than 50 per cent. completed, and that existing projects comprise 364 heavy guns, 000. Six firemen were injured. 1,296 rapid fire guns and 524 mortars, 1,296 rapid fire guns and 524 mortars, The fire originated from an unknown while up to the present time provision cause in the Woodruff Hardware Comhas been made for emplacing 334 heavy guns, 587 rapid fire and 375 mortars.

trance to New York harbor, rendered ecessary, it is stated, by the new deep and many show cases in nearly every

constructed fortifications in order to modernize them. The new works already under construction for sea coast defence represent an expenditure of \$28,000,000 for engineer work alone.

The estimate of appropriation

for fortification work is \$10,120,600. The expenditures for river and harbon work during the past fiscal year aggregated \$23,925,094. Estimates for the ensuing fiscal year have been made as follows: Under con

tinuing contracts, \$8,442,396; rivers and harbors (general) \$21,444,257. Increasing the Navy.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—Secretary of the Navy Morron will at its next session ask congress to pass an act increasing the commissioned and enlisted force of the navy. The action is in view of the recent estimates, that when The Japanese shelled the Russian positions intermittently yesterday. The Russians did not reply. at times growing heavy, particularly at all the ships now building for the navy

> DEATH OF G. L. WATSON. THE YACHT DESIGNER

received here to-day from Port Arthur. Passed Away at His Home in Glasgow - Prepared Plans for Several Cup Challengers.

Glasgow, Nov. 12.—George Lennox Watson, the yacht designer, who has for village of Wuchang on three sides, but some time past been ill, died of heart ther trouble, as sentiment against the were repulsed. Four Russians were disease at his residence in this city at slayer of Daniels is strong. Before the 5.45 this morning. His condition was reported to be better

> He was born in 1851. George L. Watson was the designer of number of America cup challengers. Shamrock III., which sailed against Reliance last year, was designed by

a relapse and passed away.

Messrs. Watson and Fife. DOWAGER EMPRESS OF CHINA. Ministers Present Letter From Their Rulers Congratulating Her Majesty

on Her Birthday. Pekin, Nov. 12 - Evening - The Am ican, Austrian, Belgian, German and Russian ministers to-day were received in audience in the Forbidden City, and presented the Dowager Empress with autograph letters from their respective rulers, congratulating Her Majesty on her birthday. The other ministers wil present letters later. The Dowager Empress will send her portrait to the rulers

TWO ENGINEERS KILLED. Lost Their Lives in Collision Between

Passenger and Freight Trains Omaha, Neb., Nov. 12.-A passenger train on the Oregon Short line collided head-on with a freight train near Granger, Wyo., to-day, detrain near Granger, Wyo., to-day, de-molishing both engines and killing both engineers. It is stated that no passe gers were seriously hurt.

PAINTER DEAD.

London, Nov. 12.-Valentine Came Prinsep, professor of painting to the Royal tenderer for the Royal Victoria museum

RIOTOUS STUDENTS. Fight Among Germans, Italians and TAKES HOPEFUL Slavs at Vienna University.

Vienna, Nov. 12 .- Many heads were oken in a conflict between German and Italian students at the university this morning, the fight arising from the recent troubles at Innsbruck. The Germans to-day took the aggressive. They | HOW PEACE OF WORLD started singing "Der Wacht Am Rhein" with uncovered heads, and demanded that all the other students remove their hats. The Italians, Slavs and other no Germans refused to do so, whereupon the Teutons forcibly knocked off their op-ponents' head-gear, and trampled their hats and caps in the dust. The Italians then started a counter demonstration or the university steps, and sang the national hymn of Italy. The Germans then attacked the Italians and drove them from their positions. Sticks and imbrellas were freely used, and many

university precincts. SIX FIREMEN INJURED. Destructive Fire, Followed By Explo-

sion, at Knoxville, Tenn-Damage, \$25,000. Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 12 .- A fire, accompanied by an explosion of either dynamite or powder, occurred to-day on Gay street, the principal business street of the city, causing a loss of about \$25,-

pany's seven-story building, which was reduced to ashes. The new five-story The most important of the sites to be acquired is the one at the southern enshattered almost all the window glass water entrance under construction.

Improved methods of construction have necessitated modifications of the early

> REIGN OF TERROR FOLLOWS MURDERS

Force of Troops Held in Readiness to selves of The Hague tribunal that wars will be largely eliminated." Two Arrests.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 11 .- As the result of the killing of Constable Jackson in Montgomery by Policeman Elliott on Wednesday, and the subsequent capture of the town by the four brothers of Jackson, at the head of about 40 of their friends, a reign of terror exists there. The mayor being helpless, appealed to Sheriff Daniels yesterday. When Sheriff Daniels and John Roph were killed by Ed. Jackson yesterday, the saloons were at once closed and Governor White was asked to send troops The governor replied he would hold troops in readiness, but advised forming a large posse. If the posse should meet

with serious resistance troops will be The Jackson followers escaped to ntain strongholds, with which they

are familiar.

est and Bob Jackson were arreste and brought to this city by Deputy Sheriff Davis and others and placed in iail. A posse headed by Marshal Ash ond, is scouring the mountains near Montgomery. Two bloodhounds were placed on the trail to-day. The officials in Montgomery fear furmurder of Daniels the sentiment with the Jacksons against Policeman Elliott.

yesterday, but in the night he suffered Elliott is in the custody of Chief Hundley at the Ruffner hotel. A relative of Jackson appeared at the hotel and at-tempted to reach the room of the policeman, but was prevented.

> MAY BE DECORATED. King of Italy May Confer Honor on J. Pierpont Morgan For Returning

> Rome, Nov. 11.-It is officially stated hat there is no truth in the report that T. Pierpont Morgan is to be made a might of the Crown of Italy in recogniion of his returning the Ascoli cope. The King alone will decide what recognition will be made for Mr. Morgan's generosity. It is supposed that His Ma-jesty will make him a commander of Saints Maurice and Lazarus, one of the highest Italian decorations. Before conferring a decoration it is customary to scertain through the embassy whether the recipient will be pleased to accept It is reported that the municipality of Ascoli intends to propose that nunicipality confer upon Mr. Morgan the honorary citizenship of the town.

OTTAWA NOTES.

F. B. Wade is Mentioned as Chairman of the Railway Commission. Ottawa, Nov. 11 .- F. B. Wade, chair-

nan of the Transcontinental railway

ommission, has been mentioned as

chairman for the railway commission in

place of Hon. A. G. Blair, who resigned Royal Victoria Museum. George Goodwin, Ottawa, is the lowest

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MAY BE ASSURED

A Member of The Hague Tribunal Expects Settlement of Several Troublesome Questions.

New York, Nov. 11 .- According to the kenzie, chief of engineers of the United | heads were cracked, but no arrests were | Tribune Oscar S. Strauss, who is a memmade as the fighting was confined to the ber of The Hague tribunal, when asked yesterday if he saw any significance in the reference in the speech of Lord Lansdowne at the Lord Mayor's banquet in London to the "widely prevalent desire" that arbitration might be resorted to in the case of the present war in the Far East, said:

"I have long had the impression that we shall wake up some morning to find that through the good offices of Great Britain, with the tacit consent of signatory powers to the treaty of Berlin, an arrangement has been agreed upon by which the near Eastern and the Far Eastern questions have been settled by one stroke. That is to say, that Russia will have come to an agreement with Great Britain, and, secondarily, with the signatory powers, for having free access to the sea through the Dardanelles in return for which a permanent adjustnent of the Afghan boundary and Great Britain's domination of the Persian Gulf will be granted, and that in the Far East Japan's sphere of influence will be recognized in Korea, while Manchuria, with certain rights to Japan secured, will revert to China. This done, the peace of the world will be insured, certainly for our generation, and by the end of that time the nations will have become so accustomed to availing them-

"What is your reason for so optimistic a view?" Mr. Strauss was asked.
"There is every reason for such optimism," he said. "The peace idea is uppersism," he said. most in the minds of the cabinets of Europe, as well as in the minds of the people. The desire for peace has been awakened and strengthened by President. Roosevelt's decision in response to the resolution of the inter-parliamentary union, to convoke a second peace congress in accordance with the wish ex-pressed and the plan outlined by The Hague conference of 1899. I have from the beginning maintained that some phases of this Far Eastern situation, oner or later, will have to come before The Hague tribunal, as the interest of itral nations nowadays is such that hey cannot permit either of two com batants to exact such terms, especially when territory is considered, as the vic tor may be powerful enough to insist

ORE FOR SMELTER.

One Hundred and Fifty Tons Wi Shipped From Victoria Mine, Near Ladysmith.

Ladysmith, Nov. 11 .- A very fine body of ore, running high in copper and carrying an ounce of gold, has been struck on the Victoria mine, one of the Vancouver Island Exploration Syndicate group, lying a couple of miles north of Lady-smith. Some time ago a drift was run from the tunnel that cuts the ledge at a tance of 120 feet. After working along this drift for some fifty feet to a point below where the ore which assayed an ounce in gold had been found cropping out on the surface, the vein suddenly opened out into a body of very high grade ore seven feet wide. Next week a shipment of 150 tons will be made to the Tyee smelter here.

INDIANA RETURNS. Roosevelt and Fairbanks Have a Plural-

ity of 92,871. Indianapolis, Nov. 12.-The official vote as reported from the ninety-two seats in Indiana gives Roosevelt

and Kairbanks a plurality of 92 871 BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED.

Quincy, Mass., Nov. 10 .- The United States battleship New Jersey, of the seagoing class, has been successfully launched here to-day. There was a large number of guests present, including the governors of New Jersey and Massachusetts.

DROWNED ON WEDDING EVE.

Hoquiam. Nov. 9 .- This city is plunged sadness and gloom over the drowning of W. H. Karr yesterday. Search parties have returned with no trace of the missing man. His boat or oars cannot be found. so it is the general opinion he was caught by the Humptulips river current, which swept him into the bay and he was carried to sea.

W. H. Karr was a prominent young man of this city, and a son of James A. Karr, founder of Hoquiam. He was 30 years of age. To-day was to have been his wedding day. Miss Hadassas Knapp, of Aberdeen, Academy, died resterday from the effects in Ottawa, which will cost over a mil-of an operation. He was born in 1833. Hon dellars. trated with grief.