JAPS WILL RUN

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Affairs of Nation.

THE KOREAN GOV

An Army of 20,000 on the North Bank-Large Stores of Food Rushed to Port Arthur.

London, Friday, March 18.-The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Che Foo, who has just visited Chinampo, Korea, says: On the way to Chemulpo we passed a constant succession of Japanese transports. Three thousand Japanese landed at Chemulpo at the end of last week. The correspondent adds that the Russians are retreating across the Yalu River before the advance of the Japanese outposts, and that their force in this district num-

JAPS RUN KOREA.

respondent learns that Viscount Aoke, nesses. formerly Japanese minister to Ger-many, is going to Seoul to establish practically a Japanese administration

FOOD FOR PORT ARTHUR. Under date of March 17, the Che Fee

correspondent of the Standard reports that provision trains are arriving hourly at Port Arthur, the railway being The Daily Telegraph's Tokio corre-

spondent, cabling March 17, asserts that the Russian fleet has returned to Port Arthur. If this is correct, the correspondent adds, it is evident, from Rear-Admiral Baron Von Stackelberg's eft Vladivostock returned to that por without an attempt having been made to unite the fleets, or if an attempt was made, it was unsuccessful. The Che Foo correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, cabling under yesterday's date, asserts that a portion of the Russian flee several cruises within a radius of 50 miles of Port Arthur, without finding any trace of the enemy. CLOSE TO THE VALU.

London papers have vague rumors of alleged movements of the opposing forces in the vicinity of Yalu River. is stated that the Russians are again negotiating for the purchase of Hamburg that Russia is trying to place contracts with German ship yards for several new torpedo boat destroyers to be delivered this year. According to a dispatch from Antwerp to the Daily Telegraph, Russia has acquired twenty large Antwerp transport steamers, and has insured

each of them for \$250,000.

A Seoul dispatch dated 4:30 p.m. Thursday, says: "The Japanese au-

JAPAN'S WEAK POINT.

A St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says General Kurthere will be 220,000 Russian troops authority throughout the island. centrated between Harbin and Port his possible ignorance of localities in geria. the theater of the war, gave the fol- Much significance is being attached lowing conclusions, at which he ar- to the settlement of these differences hampered by the necessity of making an invasion by sea. Sea crossings are always disastrous to cavalry, which is French arbitration treaty, and also as notoriously the weak point of the Ja- an assurance that the Russo-Japanese panese troops. Moreover, the Japan- war has not had the effect of disturb cse will need in Korea conveyances drawn by horses, to which they have of the two belligerents. been unaccustomed. The Japanese Korean coast, as they must remain near the ships." The general added the Russians must watch the Yalu the Russians must watch the Yalu River, which is liable to sudden floods, and which it would be useless to cross if they could not return. It is essential, he said, to have a strong bridge fortified on the side where the Japan-

Twelve Japanese, including five wo- Labrador Explorer Dies men, arrived at Moscow yesterday, and were detained by the police as suspects. They claim they had been working in China, but fearing persecu tion by their co-laborers they determined to come to Moscow. At Omsk one of their number was arrested and

PANIC AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

A correspondent of the St. Petersburg Novosti, at Vladivostock, writing Hubbard expedition. It appears that under the date of Feb. 23, says that the cost of living there is high, notwithstanding the action of the municipality in fixing the price of neces- expectation that they would find suffisities. The correspondent describes cient game for subsistence. They, how-a panic which prevailed in the city ever, had very poor success, and finalafter the declaration of war, and says ly were compelled to retrace their steps that all the institutions of learning

FISHERY REGULATIONS

S. T. Bastedo Arranging Matters Between United States and Canada.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., March 18. - S. T. Bastedo, of the provincial fisheries department of Ontario, is in the city today. He came here to talk with Prof. Prince on the subject of the regulations of the fisheries in the Province, and also as to regulations in waters adjacent to the United States. A conference was held at Detroit some time ago in connection with fisheries, in waters lying between Canada and the

German Lloyd steamer Koenig Albert, with Emperor William of Germany on board and urder convoy of the armored cruiser Prinz Friedrich Karl, arrived here today. All on board are well. The Prinz Friedrich Karl, arrived the German ship, and German

Masked Men Destroy a Building in

Course of Construction.

Kansas City, Mo., March 18.-Sixteen Minister Sent to Administer powered the watchman at the plant of the Proctor & Gamble Soap Company now in course of construction in West Armourdale, and wrecked the steel frame work in the first story of the oil refinery building. The loss to the RUSSIANS RETREAT OVER YALU steel construction company doing the work is \$5,000. It is supposed that the damage was done by structural iron workers who have declared a strike against the contracting company. Work on the plant will be delayed two months as a result of the vandalism.

WALTZ FOUND GUILTY

of Little Boy.

started last night for Marquette Prison following the verdict of the jury and imposed by Judge Murphy. Convicted in 48 minutes of the murder of little The Daily Mail's Wei Hai Wei cor- his attorneys, the court and the wit-

DR. SCHELL WINS SUIT

Boston, March 18. - The jury in the for conveyance to hospitals established libel suit of Rev. Dr. Edwin A. Schell, along the river. formerly of Chicago, against Zion's report, that the Russian cruisers which out of charges in the paper of improper for him to secure good pastorates.

FRANCE GIVES UP

French as to Newfoundland Reached.

Paris, March 18.-It is asserted positively in authoritative quarters that the baggage cars, which are drawn by the agreement between France and horses. thorities have been advised that part Great Britain concerning Newfoundof the Russian cavalry in Northern land has been concluded. The officials Korea has recrossed the Yalu River and say the negotiations relative to Mothat a Cossack battery has also with rocco, Egypt, and Siam are progress-drawn. A small Russian force attilling in such a satisfactory of the concerning Newfound to begin drawn. A small Russian force still ing in such a satisfactory manner as says: Korekyo Takahashi, the viceoccupies Chong Ju. Five thousand en- to promise early conclusions similar president of the Bank of Japan, has gineers are now employed in the to those in the case of Newfoundland. building of the military railroad from The differences over Newfoundland the world. He will sail for Europe Seoul to Wiju. Only a few miles have been completed. Civilians are work- claiming that the French tried to och had nothing to do with negotiating ing on the railroad from Seoul to cupy a strip of Newfoundland shore Susun. The road cannot be completed without payment of taxes and with- Government loan of 100,000,000 yen had out being subject to Newfoundland been four times over subscribed, he said. laws, and had prevented the proper Moreover, the nobles and wealthy exercise of provincial authority. It is merchants in Japan had been conunderstood that the French territorial tributing money freely. In some cases rights are relinquished, but the rights old coins which had been secreted since opatkin telegraphs that he has passed of offshore fishing are retained, thus Japanese feudal times had been Omsk, and he adds that tomorrow permitting Newfoundland to exercise Arthur. The same correspondent has interviewed General Dragomiroff, exciving France a free hand in North- of pure gold measuring in diameter. Governor-General of Kieff and later a west Africa, thus permitting the de-three feet, which had been taken from member of the council of state, who velopment and extension of French Korea in the time of Tayco's Korean while making reservations, owing to colonial empire westward from Al- conquest 300 years ago.

The Japanese will be much at the present time, it is consider

HUBBARD'S DEATH

Starvation Within a Few Miles of Food.

Quebec, March 18. — A courier, who left New River, on the Labrador coast, on the 1st of March, has reached the coast, and brings a few details of the weakened and exhausted for want of is approved a preference naturally food. When within a few hours jour-follows if Britain does not retaliate food. When within a few hours' journey of the cache, Hubbard's strength failed him altogether, and his companions left him tro try to procure food. They reached the depot and returned

BERLIN CHURCH SOLD

Trinity Methodists Have Decided to

Erect a New Building.

Berlin, Ont., March 18 .- An important Fort William Merchants Done Up to church deal was closed here yesterday, in which the trustees of Tricky Methodist Church sold the property to the new congregation of St. Matthews' Lutheran Church for \$2,700. The Methodists

ST. PETERSBURG THE WAR NEWS.

Russia Approves of the Anglo-French Understanding.

LAKE BAIKAL FAIRY TALES

Stories of Hardships Endured by the Russian Soldiers Declared To Be Untrue.

St. Petersburg, March 18, 2 p.m.-The Life Sentence for Detroit Murderer Gazette expresses the hope that the Anglo-French understanding will result in a more friendly attitude on the Detroit, March 18. - Emil Waltz part of Great Britain toward Russia. A diplomatist representing a small to commence serving a life-sentence European power expresses the hope that China will join Japan, on the

theory that all the white powers will Alphonse Wilmes, he still maintains then be compelled to form a coalition his innocence, and, sitting in his cell and stop the war, which would ruin at the jail, by turns weeps and curses the trade of the whole world with China. But he fears Japan realizes the danger and will decline China's aid. The Red Cross Society is considering a proposition to fit out an auto-train Minister Gets \$24,000 Verdiet Against road, 350 miles, from Mukden, Man-Paper of Dr. Parkhurst. churia, to Blagovitchensk. East East on the River Amur, where Siberia, they would be placed on board barges

An expert in the military organ says that even presuming there are four Herald and its editor, Dr. Charles Park- divisions of Japanese at Ping Yang. hurst, returned a verdict of \$24,000. Dr. Korea, they could not venture to ad-Schell sued for \$100,000. The suit grew vance till reinforced by two more divisions, which would require another month or six weeks. The writer conconduct on the part of Dr. Schell in tends that they could not advance connection with the publication of a more than seven miles a day, owing to The plaintiff alleged that the condition of the roads; compare these charges took from him a lucra- Ping Yang with Plevna, and says the position and made it impossible great drawback to the town is that it is surrounded by marshes which will breed insects and malaria when the warm weather comes.

A correspondent of the Associated Press on crossing Lake Baikal, writes: "The stories of soldiers frozen to death while crossing the lake provoke mirth. Personally I am convinced that the men are not suffering from the cold. Huts at intervals of a few versts provide warmth and refreshment, and the march the distance, 40 versts (about 26 miles) comfortably in a day, and are glad of the opportunity to stretch their limbs after the railroad journey. The huts are provided with bells, which are rung during snowstorms, and lanterns hung on telegraph poles show the way at night, the ice railroad conveying

"The ice breakers are getting ready begin operations at the end of New York, March 18. - The Sun arrived in this city on a trip around brought from their hiding places. One of his servants volunteered the Concerning Morocco, it is expected information that Lord Nabeshima re-

JESUITS AND GERMANS

The Order, As An Order, Is Still Excluded From Germany.

Berlin, March 18. - In the Reichstag Chancellor Von Buelow refuted the idea of a repeal of paragraph 2 of the Jesuit law of 1872 as a concession to the Center in return for its political support. The chancellor declared that the repeal of the law excluding the The latter, it will be remembered of still declares the Jesuit Order as an organization excluded from the empire The repeal of paragraph 2 is therefore not the drastic measure that it has been generally, but erroneously,

BRITISH PARTY SPLIT

To It Is Attributed Liberal Victory at East Dorset.

London, March 18. — The Morning Post attributes the Liberal victory in East Dorset in a great extent to the Government's opposition to a colonial preference, thus splitting the party. It says that if a policy of retaliation with protective tariffs against the colonies to the same degree as against foreign countries.

The Standard says that the East at once with provisions, but though porset defeat was due to the predidate. When it was realized that the district was against the idea the Tariff Reform League closed the local office and departed, but the disclaimer came

WHOLESALE FORGERY

the Tune of \$500.

Fort William, March 18. - Last Satan Church for \$2,700. The Methodists will take immediate steps to erect a large and modern edifice to cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000. The present Methodist church has been occupied by the congregation since 1875

Japs continue to pour troops into Korea, and are believed to have occupied the city of Anju in the north. Russians are also in this vicinity. A Russian army, 20,000 strong, has retreated to the north hank of the Yalu. A possible Japo-Chinese alliance has caused much worry to the diplomats, but China has again declared her intention to remain strictly neutral. A report frem London says that Japan is about to take over the administration of o Korea, and that a minister has already been dispatched to Seoul for that purpose. There is nothing new from Port Arthur. Russians claim provisions are being received in large quantities, which would indicate that the Japs have not yet cut the communications be-

tween the fortress and Manchuria. Russia officially denies that she is to consider Korea as a belligerent.

KOREAN REFUGEES HAVE HARD TIME

A Missionary Tells of Russian Maltreatment.

WHEN OFFICERS ARE ABSENT

Korean Scouts Employed by the Russians Scare the Cossacks by False Information.

Seoul, March 17. - Mr. Kearns, an American Presbyterian missionary, under the influence of Japanese officers, who are forcing them to war weaker men are driven across in and others, who have arrived from against the wishes of the Korean Gov-Agreement Between British and sleighs, well wrapped up in furs. Others Sun-Chun, Northern Korea, describe ernment, the Russians are instructed when they left. There were then 800 confine themselves to placing them un-Cossacks and a battery of artillery at der arrest." Sun Shun, and 2,000 more troops were THINK THE JAPS LIED. expected. They treated the Koreans well while their officers were present, war experts here are questioning the truth of the Japanese official reports, but otherwise the stole what they asking, for instance, how the torpedo wanted or only paid a quarter of the regular prices for what they took. A Russian general paid a magistrate at Sun Shun a thousand roubles for sun. north favor the Japanese owing to pedo boats, which carry nothing inflamtheir exaggerated expectation of big wages when the Japanese arrive.

Korean scouts employed by the Rus-Korean scouts employed by the Russians give false information, and exaggerate the number of the Japanese advance parties, and have thus induced some of the Russian forces to retire. The latest that the missionaries heard was that the Russians had crossed the Yalu River northward. The Japanese from Gensan are trying to cut off their retreat. The Russians demolished hundreds of miles of telegraphs. Seventy Japanese refugees, mostly women, are traveling furtively southward. They

are in a pitiable condition. The Koreans sometimes secretly helped them, but were afraid to shelter them, fearing that the Russians would punish them. Two American correspondents. ders, were arrested by the Japanese 20 miles north of Ping Yang, but they were released on promising to return

A KOREAN EXECUTION

13 Strangled to Death for Murder of off the crews and passengers from the 16 men have signed. Queen.

Jesuits was in harmony with the views of all parties in Parliament, especially those of the National Liberals. The Government, he added, were not at present willing to repeal paragraph of the latter it will be remembered.

BURNED TO DEATH. St. Thomas, Ont., March 18. - At Ridgetown this morning, Mrs. Twigg, ing from the extensive Japanese prea widow, aged 65 years, was burned parations, which were thoroughly unto death in her cottage near the rail-derstood at Vladivostock, where war way station. The fire was caused by was expected even earlier than it a lamp upsetting. Mrs. Twigg leaves came. two daughters.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

TOMORROW-FAIR.

Sun rises. 6:25 a.m. Moon rises. 7:06 p.m. Sun sets. 6:27 p.m. Moon sets. 8:02 a.m. Toronto, March 17-8 p.m.
The weather in Canada has continued generally fine and in most places cold. There has been a slight rise in tempera-ture over Ontario. The disturbance which was situated over the Southwest States this morning is approaching Ontario, accompanied by sleet and rain.

Minimum and maximum temperatures Victoria, 40-48; Kamloops, 26734; Calgary, 4 below-20; Prince Albert, zero-18; Qu'Appelle, 2-12; Winnipeg, 4-26; Port Arthur, 6-30; Parry Sound, 2 below-30; Toronto, 9-30; Ottawa, 4-26; Montreal, 12-24; Quebec, 4-24; Halifax, 16-26.

FORECASTS. Friday, March 18-8 a.m. Today-Clearing. Saturday-Fair, with about the same TEMPERATURES. 8 a.m.

Stations. algary .. Winnipeg Parry Sound

THE RUSS ATTACK

THAT VLADIVOSTOCK SQUADRON

Manchuria to See the First

Land Battle

Something Definite as to Its Wanderings-Russia Will Not Consider Korca as Belligerent.

London, March 18. - According to a correspondent, high Japanese officers frankly state that there will be no serious fighting in Korea unless the Japanese are forced to it. Everything points, he says, to the first engagement occurring in Manchuria. There are, however, no correspondents north of Ping Yang, and all information from the Japanese side comes from the military authorities. According to them, 250 Japanese cavalry have crossed the Yalu River at Anju, and are support-ing small columns of infantry oppos-Russian scouts. spread over a long distance and clashes have rarely occur-If this correspondent correctly informed the Russian reports Fatal Explosion in the City of Liege,

are practically worthless. The Japanese control everything. They have the advantage of facility in disguising themselves, and recently five Japanese croopers disguised as Koreans passed a night in a house with a party of Russian scouts. RUSSIA AND KOREA.

St. Petersburg, March 18. - A comnunication from the foreign office is published here confirming the statement made to the correspondent of the Associated Press that Russia does regard Korea as belligerent, and will not do so until there is evidence that Korea is actively making common cause with The communication, after reiterating the assertion that Russia con olders Korea simply a neutral state acting under violent pressure by Ja-pan, and deprived of the power of free action, and that Russia, therefore, can not regard as valid any treaty to the benefit of Japan, nor the abrogation of the Russian froons encounter Korean forces operating against the Russians

sian boats got away? THE VLADIVOSTOCK FLEET.

At Last Something Definite Is Learned As To Its Actions.

of illness, turned over the command of the strike which they think will folthe Vladivostock squadron to Captain Reitzenstein, has arrived in St. Peters-Members of other unions who will be Reitzenstein, has arrived in St. Petersburg. He gives an entirely different version of some of the reports emanating from Japanese sources, regarding layers, are said to be indignant that the the events before he left. The cruise bricklayers should tie up the whole of his squadron on Feb. 9 to Feb. 15 building industry.
in Japanese waters was made by order Twenty-five hundred lithographers in Japanese waters was made by order upon Japanese merchantmen in Sangar that they must sign the arbitration Straits. He says the ships were captured, and that while attempting to consprang up, and, not wishing to endan- ready to go to work, but the officers ger the Russian cruisers, after taking of the union declare positively that only merchantmen, one of the latter, loaded with contraband rice, was sunk. Seoul, March 18.—On Wednesday, March 16, thirteen accomplices in the murder of the Queen in 1995 was long to the Russian warships in the ence of the Russian warships in the land.

derstand how such a stupid story was the war will be of long duration, judg-

EASTER EGGS. 17,000 of Them To Be Sent to the Russian Soldiers

season.

THE JAP LOSSES. Port Arthur, Thursday, March 17. -Last night and today passed quietly.
According to information received from Russians at Shanghai, during the fighting at Port Arthur Feb. 19 and Syrian Banker Sent to a Quebec in- Stevenson, the sculptor, died at Edinburgh this morning. He was born in Feb. 11, the Japanese battleship Mikasa was struck by ten projectiles and seriously damaged, two Japanese bat-tleships and two cruisers have been docked for repairs at Nagasaki and sely, a Syrian, who posed as a banker have been severely injured in a fire of Sasebo and 2,000 wounded men are said to be in the Japanese hospitals.

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All the Russians wounded and sick at Port Arthur are making good progress and frauds amounting to \$40,-100, has been sent to Beauport Asylum, of the burning structure when the roof

WAR NOTES.

DOCKING OF HORSES

ledge for Opposing Practice.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Humane Society at its monthly meet- Jap Infantry, Heavily Laden, Toronto. March 18. - The Toronto ing yesterday passed a special resolu-tion of thanks to Dr. George H. Rout-ledge, M. P. P. for East Middlesex, in cognition of his efforts to have passed a law prohibiting the docking of horses was the subject of a similar resolution for his action in supporting Dr. Rout-

NO CHANGE IN EGYPT

Anglo-French Arrangement Will Not Disturb the Status Quo.

Paris March 18 - The London corin Egypt has not been discussed in tar is not fortified.

AN INFERNAL MACHINE

Belgium.

Liege, Belgium, March 18 .- An infernal machine exploded early this with some detail, and says: Despite morning outside the residence of Commorning outside the residence of Commissioner of Police Laurent, wrecking marched 25 miles a day, each man carthe house, fatally injuring an artillery officer, Major Papin, and seriously wounding half a dozen other persons. When the machine was discovered disembarking within easier distance of Major Papin was summoned and was examining the package in which the machine was concealed when the explosion occurred. Paplin's legs were blown off and he shortly afterwards succumbed. A policeman, who also Cheng River. The actual land front lost his legs by the explosion, is in a precarious condition. Thousands of windows were shattered. There is no

clue to the perpetrators of the outrage.

the conditions there late in February when they left. There were then son Operations in New York City.

about two thousand ironworkers, are misconception. They are employing on strike, and unless a settlement can the same explosives as other armies Sun Shun a thousand roubles for supplies which the magistrate squeezed from the people. The Koreans in the fire could break out on the Russian torone hundred thousand men are in-

> The conference between the joint board of arbitration of the Union Blicklayers' Association and the delegates of the Bricklayers' Union ended at an early hour today without any agree- CHINESE NEUTRALITY. ment being reached, and the employers, considering it improbable St. Petersburg, March 18 — 12:10 p.m. any settlement will be arrived at at Admiral Stackelberg, who, on account today's conference, are preparing for

> > out of work because they cannot proceed with building without the brick-layers, are said to be indignant that the

The employers say that 55 men have

AT WATFORD, ONT.

credited. He expresses the opinion that The Music Hall and Telephone Building Damaged—Both Fully Insured.

Watford, Ont., March 18. - A fire which originated in the dressing room St. Petersburg, March 18. — The wife of Grand Duke Constantine is preparing 17,000 Easter eggs in order to proof Grand Duke Constantine is preparing 17,000 Easter eggs in order to provide each soldier in the Far East with a souvenir. Each egg will contain a portrait of the Emperor, a book, soap and towel, a tobacco pouch, notepaper, and towel, a tobacco pouch, notepaper, and instruments was badly damaged by fire and water. The Bell Telephone office also suffered by a servant, when both were found toweld by the roadside. Their bodies had been stripped and mutilated, and had numerous stabs. The horses and instruments was badly damaged. etc., wrapped in a handkerchief, bearing pictures of Peter the Great's boat and of Russian naval victories. The damaged the stock of J. W. McLaren's discover the assassins. Dr. Labaree leaves a widow and four children. Steps have been taken to discover the assassins. Dr. Labaree eggs will be sent to the Far East next drug and book store. The music half was one of the best-known Presbyter week in order to arrive there in due is owned by W. E. Fitzgerald, the telephone building by Mr. McLeay. All having been stationed in Persia sinc

AN INSANE FORGER

sane Asylum.

Montreal, March 18. - Michael As-Quebec, after being examined by Dr. tell in upon them. Velleneuve, of Longue Point Asylum. MUNICIPA

PRICE TWO CENTS.

SCOUTS IN TOUCH AT ANJU, KOREA

Go 25 Miles a Day.

JAPAN CAMPAIGNS CAUTIOUSLY

Japanese Exonerated By Russians From the Charge of Fighting

Unfairly.

London, Friday, March 18.-A Tokio correspondent of the Times says that the Russian and Japanese scouts are respondent of the Matin affirms the now separated only by the river statement that the political status quo Cheng Cheng, just north of Anju. The dispatch adds that the foreign corthe Anglo-French negotiations. All respondents will leave for the front

that the French Government is disposed to do is to meet the views of Great Britain concerning the disposal

A Times' correspondent at Wei Hai Great Britain concerning the disposal A Times' correspondent at Wei Hai of the surplus, Great Britain to give Wei, cabling under yesterday's date, France a free hand in Morocco on consays: "I arrived at Ping Yang Inlet, dition that the coast opposite Gibert dition that the coast opposite Gibral- March 13, and proceeded to Chinampo. Navigation was difficult, owing to the drift ice. I found anchored there both war vessels and transports. Disembarkation has been difficult, but the Japanese have brought all necessary appliances. Pontoon jetties have been built and extended for hundreds of

yards and the transports brought their own landing barges. The correspondent describes landing movements and the disposal of forces rying nearly 100 severe test, but they did well. Covered by this force, a large force is now the Japanese objective, while preparations are reported to be proceeding at the only practicable port on the east coast of Korea. The Japanese are now holding Aniu and the line of Cheng

points to a further retirement of the Russian forces. "Despite their command of the sea, the Japanese omit no precautions. It would be unfair to the Japanese to give the numbers and the destination of their forces, but landings were made long enough ago to permit a general reference to them without pre-

generally is improving." JAPS FOUGHT FAIRLY. St. Petersburg, March 17. - The Hague convention, find no echo in responsible circles here. The Japanese are acquitted on that score by a high naval officer who holds a very responsible position and who said today: "The accusation against the New York, March 18. - Twenty thou- Japanese of using explosives to proand bricklayers and laborers and duce poisonous gases is based on a men are liable to asphyxiation, but the Russian shell is no better and no worse than that used by the Japanese. We

> whatever we may think about the manner in which the Japanese began hostilities."

> The Chinese legation here declare most positively that the Government at Pekin intends not only to observe the strictest neutrality during the war between Russia and Japan, but that the Government thoroughly realize the danger threatening the integrity of the Celestial Empire in case it should be-

have not complained in this respect,

come embroiled in the conflict. WERE NO PROTESTS

No Colonial Resolutions Against Preferential Tariff, Says Lyttleton.

London, March 18. - Colonial Secre vey them to port a terrific blizzard already signed the agreement, and are tary Lyttelton, answering Sir Gilbert Parker in the House of Commons last night, said the colonial office had not received in recent years any resolution against preferential tariffs from any colonial board of trade, chamber of manufacturers' association or legislative assembly. Holman Hunt's replica of the picture, "The Light of the World," will be taken on a tour of the empire. It

> Australia and Canada, and, lastly, to the United States. W MURDERED MISSIONARY

goes first to South Africa, then

Dr. Labaree Cruelly Put to Death In Persia.

Urumiya, Persia, March 18.-An investigation of the death of Rev. Dr. Benjamin Labaree, the American misdamaged the hall, destroyed the scen- sionary, announced from here March ian missionaries in the Asialic field.

> DEATH OF A SCULPTOR. London, March 18. - David Watson

SIX FIREMEN INJURED. Chicago, March 18. - Six firemen