

Report Of Japan Lands First Capture Troops In Korea

Japanese Warships Said to Have Seized Several Russian Merchantmen.

St. Petersburg Views Situation as Hopeless and Action Momentarily Expected.

Mikado's Note Constitutes Hostile Act According to British Foreign Office.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The papers here publish on high authority, the report first circulated in Berlin that Japanese warships have captured several Russian merchant ships in Chinese waters.

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APPALLING SCENE OF DESOLATION AND RUIN

One Hundred and Forty Acres of the Principal Business Section of Baltimore is Now a Wilderness of Burnt and Blackened Walls.

One Hundred and Fifty Millions Damage as Estimated by Insurance Men—U. S. Congress Appropriate One Million Dollars for Relief of the Sufferers.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8.—Baltimore is staggering tonight under a fire loss which no one has the temerity to put into figures.

The district thus swept by fire comprised nearly 2,500 buildings.

By Jones Falls, and on the south by the Basin.

The fire under control, the flames presents a view terrible in its grandeur.

Business men prosper Saturday morning.

Expressions heard among those men reveal an astounding number who were poorly protected by insurance.

Again an alarm this evening, driven across Jones Falls, set fire to buildings and lumber piles.

For several hours in the lumber districts of the least side, volunteers watched the fire.

Bucket brigades were formed. Had the fire raged further in the east side, the loss would have been much greater.

The program adopted last night, blowing up buildings in an attempt to stay the progress of the flames.

Continued until the fire was under control.

Alsek Diggings Public Works

Are Very Rich

One of the Most Important Placer Fields in the Golden North.

Situate in Canadian Territory and Controlled From White Horse.

Mr. T. A. Dickson, surveyor of the firm of Dickson & Dickson, surveyors of the White Horse, B. C., arrived in the city from Seattle on Monday morning.

Mr. Dickson, who is staying at the Dominion, was seen last evening, interestingly discussing the new Alsek diggings.

The district in which the Alsek diggings are situated about 100 miles west of White Horse and 25 miles north and east of the coast.

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Provincial Legislature

Interim Report From Select Committee on Government House Enquiry.

Large Lake Dam, Okanagan Causes Considerable Antagonism.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 10 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Gifford presented an interim report from the select committee to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of Government House.

Legislative Committee Room, 8th February, 1904.

Mr. Speaker: Your select committee appointed by resolution of the House on January 21st, last, to inquire into certain matters pertaining to the construction of Government House beg to submit the following report:

At a session of the committee held on February 6th, Messrs. Maxwell, Blair and myself, referred to the report of the select committee, and the committee, declined to give evidence touching the construction of Government House.

The committee was of the opinion that the memorandum is an integral part of the construction of Government House and is not a separate document.

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White Horse Busy.—A correspondent writing from White Horse on January 27th says: "Every day people are coming to the trail from Dawson on route to Ballou."

From three to seven outfits are leaving White Horse for the Yukon every day, many, however, are coming out, owing to the intense cold which has prevailed here for some days.

Wynan Johnson of Skagway, who has been in the Yukon territory, states that he believes that gold is widely and evenly distributed over the district, even if the placer is not rich.

A BOLD DECEIVER.—New York, Feb. 6.—James M. Abel, a young man who is alleged, courted Miss Eleanor, a girl of the name of J. Odgen Goulet and was married to her in Canada to stand trial on a charge of bigamy, was released on \$5,000 bail today.

THE CAPILLARY ELECTROMETRE

Ingenuous Instrument Invented By Chicago University Investigators.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—The capillary electrometre, a sensitive and delicate instrument for measuring the minute electric currents, has been invented by two workers in the physiological laboratory in the University of Chicago.

The instrument will greatly aid in the study of the mechanism of the heart, and will be of great use in the study of the mechanism of the heart, and will be of great use in the study of the mechanism of the heart.

Asked to Intervene.—Vienna, Feb. 6.—The Austrian peace committee has sent a telegram to President Roosevelt asking him to intervene in the Russo-Japanese conflict under the provisions of the treaty of arbitration tribunal at the Hague.

Weak Lungs.—Made Sound and Strong by the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Weak lungs means weak health, and coughs and colds—touch of grippe and influenza, and the danger of pneumonia, are due to weak lungs.

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Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—The Manitoba legislature closed today. The speech of the Lieutenant-Governor, in proroguing the assembly, was a very interesting one.

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MORLEY'S AMENDMENT.—Motion Introduced in House of Commons Yesterday.

London, Feb. 8.—John Morley introduced in the House of Commons his amendment to the speech from the throne, the text of which was published in the Associated Press February 20th on the occasion of the opening of parliament.

SERBIA'S NEW CABINET.—Belgrade, Serbia, Feb. 8.—The new cabinet is composed as follows: Premier, M. Pasic; minister of finance, M. Pasic; minister of education, M. Pasic; minister of agriculture, M. Pasic; minister of public works, M. Pasic; minister of justice, M. Pasic.

MARK OFFERS EVIDENCE.—Turns on His Bandit Accomplices But Shows Obedience His Aid.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Gustave Marx, self-confessed participant in the car-barn murders, turned aside by his co-defendant, Fred Neidermeyer and Harry Landry, at the opening of the trial of the three men today and offered to become a witness for the prosecution.

FIRE IN NEW YORK.—New York, Feb. 8.—Fire tonight in the factory building at Sixth and Second streets, Brooklyn, occupied by William Lene & Sons, shoe manufacturers, and Michael Cooper, leather wear, caused damages estimated at \$100,000.

CLEVELAND MEN FROM SCOTLAND.—Scotland gives us a notable man out of every 31,500 of her population, says Dr. Ireland.

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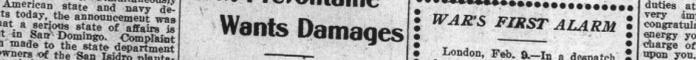
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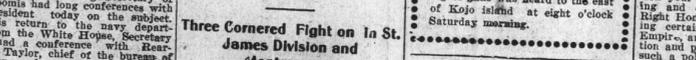
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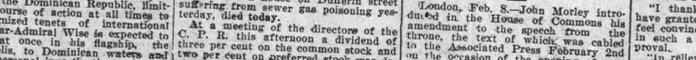
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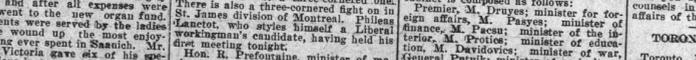
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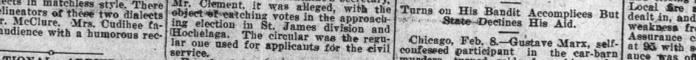
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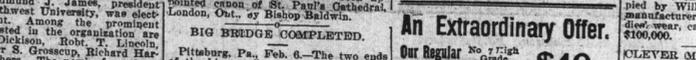
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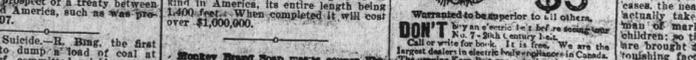
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THE JAPANESE SUCCESSES.

Certainly the results of the engagements between the Russian and Japanese fleets have been extraordinary. Within a few hours of the commencement of hostilities, Russia has had her naval force so greatly reduced by the Japanese attacks that, for the time being, at least, she seems to have lost command of the sea.

The most important legislation at this session was that relating to the Provincial finances, and the plans adopted for their restoration to a normal condition. It was inevitable that some opposition should arise; that some unpopularity should attach to a Government which was compelled to increase taxation in order to meet its obligations.

Notwithstanding all the Opposition prognostications of the impending defeat of the Government, the letter is strong evidence that the session is being conducted in a manner which is highly creditable to the Premier and his cabinet.

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It is already stated that the Russian fleet is being repaired on the land side, and the assistance and protection that the land fortifications can otherwise give the fleet is rendered impossible. Although, it is true, Russian reports are reliable, Russia has a much larger number of troops in Manchuria and at near parts of Russian Siberia than Japan has available to meet them.

All Humors

Are impure matters which the skin, liver, kidneys and other organs can not take care of without help, there is such an accumulation of them. They litter the whole system. Pimples, boils, eczema and other eruptions, loss of appetite, that tired feeling, bilious turns, fits of indigestion, dull headaches and many other troubles are due to them.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Remove all humors, overcome all their effects, strengthen, tone and invigorate the whole system. My health was poor and I suffered much from liver and kidney troubles. After taking two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla I was cured. I regard this medicine as superior to all others. Mrs. Joseph H. Adams, Harrison, Ontario.

will seriously interfere with Russian disposition of their forces. Even without that check, the fact that the naval and military operations would be carried on within a comparatively short distance of Japan's base of supplies, while Russia had to bring her supplies chiefly over a long line of railway, was a serious handicap to the latter.

THE PROROGATION.

The Provincial Legislature was prorogued last evening by the Lieutenant-Governor, thus bringing to a close one of the shortest sessions in the legislative history of British Columbia. The session's brevity does not imply that little has been accomplished, as the list of bills introduced and passed by His Honor yesterday clearly proves.

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The Premier made an important announcement in the Legislature yesterday in regard to the Government's railway policy. He stated that the Government would not be more than ready to consider any proposal for the construction of a railway.

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RETAIL MARKETS Several changes can be noticed in this week's list. California cheese is the market at 25c per lb. and there are other changes in the market.

MOWAT & WALLACE, Popular Grocers. Cor. Yates and Douglas Streets. HOSTILITIES CONTINUE! Just Glance at the Following Prices: Soluble Cocoa, per pound 25c. Fine Apple, Finest Quality, 3 pound tin 25c.

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between the mines and employees of these mines for a long time to come. Lady Smith.

ALIENS AND OUR FISHERIES.

Mr. Your article in Sunday's paper on "Aliens and Our Fisheries," betrays a very considerable lack of information as to the facts of the case.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Premier made an important announcement in the Legislature yesterday in regard to the Government's railway policy. He stated that the Government would not be more than ready to consider any proposal for the construction of a railway.

HALIBUT FISHING.

The question raised in the Legislature yesterday, and your editorial on the subject, show that the people of British Columbia are at last awakening to the fact that the halibut fishery is being exploited by the American fishermen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

From a miner's point of view. Allow me a short space in your paper to read a number of letters from the Colonist about this place, and there are a number of things that I really think the readers of the papers should know.

HOSTILITIES COMMENCED.

Apparently without any more formal intimation that a state of war existed between herself and Russia than was given by the Japanese fleet, a circumstance all the more suspicious from the fact that their facilities for effecting repairs are very incomplete and imperfect, as was stated by Admiral Alton in a report to this Government a few months ago, this hour at Russia's naval strength is, perhaps, even more important from the result that it will have on the ability of Russia to check the transportation of Japanese troops to important strategic points.

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DEVEREUX—On the 10th December, at his residence, Windsor (England) Edward St. Joseph Devereux, Esq., 47, in his 83rd year.

MOCLAIR—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Hamilton, George G. Moclair, Esq., Victoria, B. C., in the 103rd year of his age.

BORN.

COOPER—At Vancouver, on Jan. 31st the wife of Ernest Cooper, of a daughter, Mrs. M. J. Cooper, of Vancouver.

TRANZONI—At Morristown, N. J., on Jan. 12th, the wife of W. P. Tranzone, of a daughter.

"Don't let her to lose your daughter!" "No, not this one; I could have married her off a year ago. It is her elder sister that's back to me."—Higdon's Post.

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October Tale

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The Mystic Spring

A Legend of Cadboro Bay.

By "D. W. K."

Queen—Your sister's dowry, Laertes... Queen—There is a willow grows askant... That shows his hoar leaves in the glassy stream.

MANY, MANY YEARS ago, when... Victoria was called Camosun... and the first settlers built their dwellings and warehouses...

When the party landed at Cadboro... beach of white sand and the oval shape... of the bay, which was as faultless in...

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face downward. She had divested herself... of a part of her raiment and fallen... or hung herself from the bluff.

Farwell, farewell, it is a solemn sound... And often brings a sigh... But give me that good old word...

With the tragic end of the old tree... the Mystic Spring disappeared and was... replaced by a grim and gloomy...

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The Four Travelers--The Proletariat; Also St. Peter.

By CHARLES BATTALL LOOMIS

will then last as long as that of the... scientist. But he was not a good guesser...

After a time they took up their travels... again and came to a great stadium... where games and trials of strength...

After a season they left the hall of... the men of trade and traveled to an... antique Colonial mansion, which they...

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ACROSS THE TEA TABLE

"The Art of Minding One's Own Business."

Written for the Sunday Colonist.

IT WAS MY day at home and the... conversation had run on various... topics, and used it in a few minutes...

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"Come in," said St. Peter.

they came to a university and all four... entered it. And now it was the scientist who...

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NO WHITE MAN ALLOWED. Towns in Indian Territory That Are Peopled Exclusively by Negroes.

The subscription price of the Semi-Weekly Colonist has been reduced to \$1 per year to all countries in the Postal Union.

Provincial Legislature

Premier McBride Makes Important Statement to House on Railways.

No Railroad Legislation This Session But Probably In Summer.

Special Sitting of House May Deal With Important Question.

February 9, 1904. Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock p.m.

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Premier said that the government's intention regarding the railway question was to give the public a full and complete statement of the government's policy...

Coroner's Jury Give Verdict.

Adjourned Inquest on Death of Mah Quon Held Yesterday Morning.

Jury Bring In Verdict of Murder By Person or Persons Unknown.

The coroner's inquest on the death of the Chinese man, Mah Quon, was held yesterday morning at the coroner's court...

THE WEEK'S SHIPPING.

Horrors Yet Accumulate.

Terrific Head-on Collision Near Ottawa Kills Sixteen and Injures Many.

Suffering of Unfortunates Increased by a Bitterly Cold Night.

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The government agent in Ottawa, reporting on the condition of the railway in that section of the country since the last week of the year...

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

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FORAL DECLARATION OF WAR IS NOT LIKELY

Japan Having Broken Off Negotiations Now Proposes to Carry Out Her Own Plans and Will Seize Korea

London Times States Mikado's Demands Will Astonish the World By Their Moderateness When Published.

London, Feb. 8.—The Times throws the whole responsibility for the consequences which may arise from the rupture of diplomatic negotiations between the two empires on Japan. It is believed that the Mikado's demands will astonish the world by their moderateness when published.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The attitude of France in the presence of this grave Russo-Japanese emergency has been the subject of the deepest concern among officials. It is believed that the Mikado's demands will astonish the world by their moderateness when published.

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The Japanese War Will Increase Fighting Men Victoria Shipping

Four Hundred Thousand Strong Is the Emperor's Army. Nippon Yusen Kalsa Liners Will Be Taken From the Route.

System by Which the Empire Recruits is the German. Transportation Companies of the Lookout For More Steamers.

Whether the Russian fleet, in the event of war, would venture to meet the Japanese fleet in a general action, is a doubtful question. The vessels of the Japanese fleet are of a different type from those of the Russian fleet.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister to the United States, had a long conference with the Secretary of State, Mr. Taft, yesterday.

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THE JOHANNESBURG MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

BY AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.

What Johannesburg says today: South Africa is going to say tomorrow. The Johannesburg municipal election is the first step towards the self-government of the Transvaal colony.

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Advertisement for Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, describing its benefits for various ailments.

Coroners Jury Examine Witnesses

The investigation on the Clallam Disaster was continued Monday.

Witnesses Makes an Important Statement as to the Use of Lifeboats.

The inquest into the Clallam disaster was continued Monday at 2:30 p.m., at the Court House, Charles F. Bennett was the first witness called, and on being sworn, told the following story:

We left Port Townsend about 12 o'clock and I never noticed anything until about 2 p.m., when the vessel started to pitch pretty heavily. Shortly after I thought something must be wrong as I saw the chief officer and several passengers and down the upper deck rather quickly. The captain spoke to me and I saw that he had heard him say "we will be in Victoria in about an hour."

In answer to Mr. Lugin, witness said there was no particular panic. At the time did not think a small boat was in such a sea. Could see land when the boats were launched. Had asked the captain for flash lights or sky rockets, but they were not there.

Witnesses on the ship as long as I could, I saw the raft going down the ship but couldn't get to it. Shortly after that I saw very much till I was finally pulled up on the raft, some fellow hauling me up by the hair. I was in a pretty exhausted condition.

LET OTHERS EXPERIMENT. There is always some thing new in the way of medical treatment and the only remedy I have tried is the one I am now using. It is the only one that has cured me of my ailment.

Business Starts At Baltimore

Temporary Offices Arranged and Wheels of Commerce Again Gather Way.

Bank Vaults Reveal Treasure Unharmed by the Awful Fire.

Baltimore, Feb. 10.—The situation in the stricken Baltimore began to clear up today after a conference at the Belvidere hotel between Mayor Stewart and a special committee of the legislature.

Celebrating Victory. New York, Feb. 9.—At a dinner tonight, held by the Japanese in honor of the victory at Port Arthur, a committee of the Japanese in the United States...

The Korean noblemen who have been residing in Japan have received permission to return home. The Carr has duplicated her tactics at the opening of the Chinese Japanese war by a torpedo attack on the Russian ships of Port Arthur.

THE GLOW OF HEALTH. When a person is rich and pure there is a healthy glow to the complexion which speaks of the vigor and vitality of the system.

KENDALL'S SPAVIN CURE. Dr. J. J. Kendall Co., Chicago, Ill. This is the only cure for Spavin, Rheumatism, Gout, etc., and all forms of Lameness. It is the only cure that has cured me of my ailment.

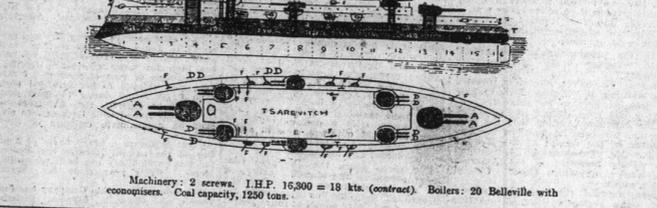
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JAPAN SCORES FIRST VICTORY

The latest returns of Russian warships in the Far East total 94, including 8 battleships, 10 cruisers, 12 gunboats and 66 torpedo boats and destroyers.

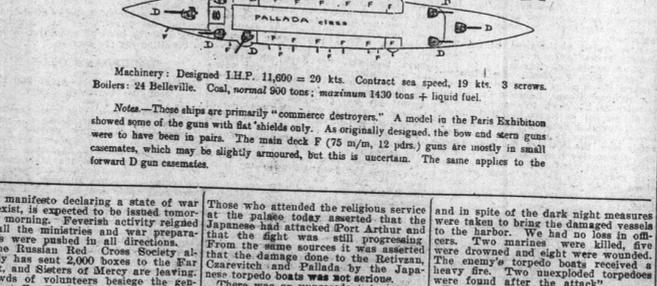
St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—(9:20 a.m.) A second telegram has been received from the Viceroy Alceff. It is dated February 9th, and says that the Japanese squadron of fifteen battleships and cruisers began to bombard Port Arthur.

The Three Torpedoed Batterships. (L.) TSAREVITCH (1901, La Seyne). (M.) TSAREVITCH (1901, La Seyne). (N.) TSAREVITCH (1901, La Seyne).



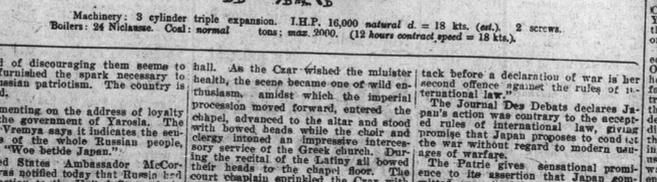
Machinery: 2 screws, I.H.P. 16,300 = 18 kts. (contract). Boilers: 20 Belleville with compounders. Coal capacity, 1,250 tons.

(2.) PALLADA & DIANA (1899) & AURORA (1900). (Dimensions) L. B. D. (mean) - 408 x 55 x 21 feet = 123' 7" x 16' 7" x 6' 40" inches.



Machinery: Designed I.H.P. 11,600 = 20 kts. Contract speed, 19 kts. 3 screws. Boilers: 24 Belleville. Coal, normal 600 tons; maximum 1430 tons + liquid fuel.

(I.) RETVISAN (1900, Philadelphia). 12,700 tons. Complement 750. L. B. D. (mean): 376 x 73 x 26 feet = 114' 0" x 22' 7" 92 inches.



Machinery: 3 cylinder triple expansion. I.H.P. 16,000 (normal) = 18 kts. (est.). 2 screws. Boilers: 24 Niclausse. Coal: normal, 2000, (12 hours contract) = 18 kts.



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Don't forget that when you get one of our patterns you can feel satisfied that it is not common—our lines are exclusive—our decorations are made to be seen elsewhere, they have individual character about them that you wish to pay—come and look them over.

- Special—99 Piece Dinner Sets. Including Soup Tureen, Renaissance design, in Claret Brown and Water Green. Good serviceable patterns at \$35.00 Set.
- 98-Piece Dinner Sets. Orlando shape, Indian Blue, Pink and New Red Designs. Very strong utility services at \$30.00 Set.
- 97-Piece Dinner Sets. Dainty Blue and White and Myrtle patterns, at \$30.00 Set.
- 98-Piece Dinner Sets. In the new "Verde Green" coloring, new shapes, latest patterns. Very dainty, at \$32.00 Set.
- English 70-Piece Dinner Sets. All large pieces, including Soup Tureen and large meat platters, newest designs, Peacock and Pencil Colorings. Very choice services at \$25.00 Set.
- 97-Piece Dinner Sets. Beautifully Embossed Patterns, new shapes at \$20.00 Set.
- Blue Leighton Dinner Sets, 70 Pieces. English combination with Soup Tureen and large meat platters. Very rich designs at \$24.00 Set.
- Austrian China Dinner Sets, 102 Pieces. Very dainty, delicate China. Charming designs in the newest shapes at \$25.00 Set.

SPECIAL

We have made up a special combination of 43 pieces for 6 persons, in two colors, which may be added to or replaced when required. Blue Rose design or plain Ivory at \$25.00 Set.

At three o'clock in the morning the Russian fleet of Port Arthur with the blowing up of the Maine and asserts that it is responsible for the explosion of the Maine.

Naval Battle Reported. Tokio, Feb. 10.—It is reported here that the Japanese fleet en route to Port Arthur has been sighted near the entrance of the harbor.

China, it is understood, has given official assurances that she will immediately declare neutrality. It is considered highly probable that the possibility of the Chinese, impressed by the Japanese success at Port Arthur joining the Japanese.

SLEEPLESSNESS. You can't sleep on the calmest and stillest night, if your stomach is weak, circulation is poor, and the blood is impure. Hood's Sarsaparilla strengthens the stomach, improves the circulation, perfects digestion, and brings about that condition in which sleep is regular and refreshing.



BLIND LADY DIES FROM BURNS

From our own correspondent. Toronto, Feb. 12.—The hydro-electric station at Niagara Falls, Ontario, today to all the factories in the Common-wealth by the appointment of Hon. H. G. Carroll, solicitor-general, as judge, presided in the election of Ernest Leonard, Liberal, as a member of the House of Commons.

TRADE UNION RESTRAINED. Injunction Issued Prohibiting Interference by Patrolling. Cincinnati, Feb. 12.—Judge Hosen of the Supreme Court today has granted the temporary injunction asked for by the Journeymen Plumber's Association and the Building Trades Council forbidding the persuasion or work of the employees of the city of Cincinnati in the construction of a new building.

Boston, Feb. 12.—Refusing to handle a letter which had been forwarded to the Boston Post Office by the Boston Post Office, the Boston Post Office today refused to handle a letter which had been forwarded to the Boston Post Office by the Boston Post Office.

NEWS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY. Appointments to the Navy. Quantity of Recruits Compensated by Quality.

From Our Own Correspondent. London, January 30.—The vacancy on the staff of H. M. S. Grafton, flagship of Commodore J. E. C. Goodrich, M. V. O., commanding the Pacific Squadron, for a first and gunnery officer, has just been filled by the appointment of Lieutenant John H. Frye from the gunnery school at Devonport.

The annual return of the inspector general of recruiting shows a very serious decline in the number of recruits. The number of recruits in 1903 was 26,774 for the home militia and 26,774 for the home militia.

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