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miles to point of commencement.
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JOHN TAYLOR.

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Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to
Lot Twenty-Three (23), Cedarvale (Map
204), Victoria District.
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tion at the expiration of one month from
the date of publication hereof, to issue a Duplicate
of the Certificate of Title to the above
lot, issued to John Bradford Johnson on
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GREAT BATTLE IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Japanese Attacked Russians Who Held Fortified Position—Report of Victory of Mikado's Troops.

Tokyo, April 29.—Seventy-five Japanese
were killed or drowned as a result
of the sinking of the Japanese transport
Kinshu Maru, which was torpedoed by
the Russian armored cruiser Rossia at
midnight Monday last.

The Kinshu Maru parted from the
convoy of torpedo boats in a fog on Mon-
day, and at 11:30 met the Russian fleet.
She was ordered to stop, and the Rossia
steamed alongside, summoned her navigat-
ing officers on board the Rossia and
sent a searching party on board the
transport. This party discovered two
companies of soldiers concealed below,
and reported the fact to the Rossia. The
latter discharged a torpedo, which
struck the Kinshu Maru amidships and
broke her in two.

While the transport was sinking the
soldiers on board her rushed on deck
and fired volleys from their rifles into
the Rossia, and as the Kinshu Maru
sank several of the soldiers committed
suicide.

Three boats which floated from the
wreckage were the means of saving
forty-five soldiers and nine of the Kin-
shu Maru's passengers and crew. Two
captains and three lieutenants were
among the soldiers drowned.

The survivors succeeded in getting
ashore, and were conveyed by steamer
to Gensan today.

THE KINSHU MARU.
Vessel Sunk by Russians Was Attached
to Fleet as Dispatch Boat.

Nagasaki, Japan, April 29.—The
Japanese steamer Kinshu Maru, which
was sunk by the Russians near Gensan,
was attached to the fleet as a dispatch
boat.

THE JAPANESE FLEET.
Cruisers and Torpedo Boats in the Vic-
inity of Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—Viceroy
Alexieff telegraphs under today's date
that the Japanese ships were sighted six
miles off Port Arthur last night, and
that this morning Japanese cruisers
and six torpedo boats were seen in a
bay adjacent to Vladivostok.

BACK IN PORT.
Admiral Yezzen's Squadron Has Re-
turned to Vladivostok.

Vladivostok, April 29.—The squad-
ron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Yezzen,
has returned here from its recent
operations off the Korean coast. The
squadron consisting of the armored
cruiser Rossia, Rurik and Gromoboi,
and the protected cruiser Bogatry, put to
sea at daylight on April 28th. The
Rurik returned the following day, but
the others proceeded to Gensan, Korea,
and here to off the town during the
morning of April 29th, about five miles
from the entrance of the bay. Admiral
Yezzen sent into the bay two torpedo
boats, commanded by Lieuts. Pohl and
Maximoff. As they ran in towards the
Maximoff boarded the Goro Maru, took
possession of her papers and flags and
then sent her to the bottom with a tor-
pedo. The torpedo boats forthwith
joined the squadron after four hours' ab-
sence. There was no sign of troops
ashore, and the bay was empty, but it
was assumed four Japanese torpedo boat
destroyers had put out to sea on April
28th.

The Russian squadron returned to
Vladivostok and laid there until April
29th, and started on another expedition.
At 6 in the evening of April 29th, when
300 miles out, the squadron sighted a
Japanese steamer with war stores on
board. Her crew, consisting of fifteen
Koreans and twelve Japanese, were
placed in safety and the steamer was
sunk by a proxylene cartridge, fired
from the Gromoboi.

The same night, about 11 o'clock,
when the squadron was 12 miles off
Plaskin bay, Korea, a large Japanese
transport, the Kinshu Maru, was over-
hauled. Her crew, consisting of fifteen
Koreans and twelve Japanese, were
placed in safety and the steamer was
sunk by a proxylene cartridge, fired
from the Gromoboi.

On board the transport were found
Hotchkiss guns of 47 millimeters. At
the outset it looked as if no one was
on board, but on examination it was
found that the cabin was locked and
barred. Therein the Russians found six

infantry officers, who surrendered with-
out resistance, and were taken on board
the Rurik. In another part of the ship
130 Japanese men, who refused to sur-
render, were found. Admiral Yezzen,
whose vessel was about 1,600 yards
away, ordered his men to leave the
transport. The Japanese soldiers then
opened fire and wounded a Russian cas-
swain. Afterwards the transport was
sent to the bottom by means of a me-
chanical mine and a few shells.

The Japanese made no attempt to
save themselves, although they had a
launch in which they could have left the
transport. The fire of the Japanese ac-
tually continued until the waves closed
over the ship. The transport had on
board not only ammunition, but 2,000
tons of coal for Admiral Makamura.

The prisoners numbered 183, including
47 officers.

Altogether 210 prisoners were taken
by the Russian squadron, landed at
Vladivostok and immediately dispatch-
ed by train.

It was reported at the time the Rus-
sian cruisers were returning to Vlad-
vostok a Japanese squadron was also
making for here, but it failed to reach
the bay owing to the fog.

A wireless telegraph message was
picked up by the Russian ships while at
sea. It was in code and unintelligible.
It was evidently passing between the
Japanese ships.

Among the prisoners are a colonel and
an officer of the general staff, while the
soldiers include a number of Japanese
who before the war worked as artisans
in Vladivostok.

INTIMATION TO POWERS.
Russia Will Not Accept Mediation
Terminate the War.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—In the most
categorical terms Russia has officially
notified the world that she will not ac-
cept mediation to terminate the war
with Japan.

The official notification, which is in
accordance with the authoritative an-
nouncement made by the Associated
Press on April 25th, is contained in a
circular issued by the minister of for-
eign affairs to the Russian representa-
tives to foreign powers, which is gazet-
ted in the official message this morning.

The circular denies the report that for-
mal proposals have been made to the Im-
perial government by any foreign power
to use its good offices to restore peace,
a denial which does not refer to the per-
sonal intimation addressed directly to
the Emperor by King Edward and
King Christian of Denmark, an account
of which was given by the Associated
Press. The text of the circular is as
follows:

"The foreign press has recently been
persistently circulating rumors concern-
ing intentions on the part of some of the
European governments to undertake a
friendly intervention, with a view to a
speedy termination of the conflict be-
tween Russia and Japan. Telegrams
have even been received announcing that
proposals of such a nature have already
been made to the Imperial government.

"You are empowered to deny this
statement most categorically. Russia
did not wish, and everything within the
limits of possibility was done by her to
settle the complications which had arisen
in the Far East in a peaceful manner,
but after the treacherous surprise on
the part of the Japanese which forced
Russia to take up arms, obviously no
friendly mediation can have any suc-
cess."

"Similarly, the Imperial government
will not admit the intervention of any
power whatsoever in the direct negotia-
tions which will occur between Russia
and Japan after the termination of hos-
tilities in order to determine the condi-
tions of peace."

WARSHIPS OFF PORT ARTHUR.
The Sinking of a Transport—A Rumor
That Admiral Will Be Relieved
of Command.

London, April 29.—The Daily Tele-
graph's Tokyo correspondent asserts
that the Russian cruisers slipped past
the Japanese squadron during a fog and
regained the harbor of Vladivostok.

The sinking of the Japanese transport
is much commented on here as proving
that the Japanese placed too much con-
fidence in their command of the sea, and
there is no doubt that it will induce
greater vigilance on their part. There
is some inclination to criticize harshly
the action of Rear-Admiral Yezzen, but
most of this morning's papers prefer to
await particulars of the affair before
passing judgment.

any movement of the land forces is im-
practicable for the present.

A special dispatch from Port Arthur
says that the demonstration made by
the Japanese torpedo boats, covered by
a Japanese squadron off Port Arthur,
yesterday morning, was undertaken for
the purpose of inducing the batteries to
waste their ammunition, but the Rus-
sians refrained from answering the Jap-
anese fire.

Japan wishes above everything else
to command the sea and she will then
be free from fear of invasion and loss
of territory. With the complete destruc-
tion of the Russian fleet we believe the
war will end. Japan's alliance with
Great Britain was a stupid act and will
be of no service to us.

"We know perfectly well that the
Americans were never our friends be-
cause in the Far East they were al-
ways our opponents. We are afraid
that if Japan is victorious the British
and Americans really will benefit. It
would be foolish for Japan to ally her-
self with the United States, because
the Americans do not intend to help us,
but they wish to exploit us."

HARASSING THE ADVANCE
Russian Army Supplies Being Moved
Nearer the Yalu—Survivors of
Kinshu Maru.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—Viceroy
Alexieff's report that a Japanese squad-
ron was off Port Arthur last night, fol-
lowed by another announcing that ten
Japanese cruisers and six torpedo boats
were seen in Ussuri bay, adjacent to
Vladivostok, has aroused anxiety, and
naval circles are speculating whether the
enemy will venture to approach Vlad-
vostok at close range than last time.

There are persistent rumors of fight-
ing on the Yalu river, but the Associated
Press correspondent is informed that no
serious engagements have taken place
and that the fighting has been limited
to affairs of outpost, Russians contest-
ing and harassing the Japanese advance.

Survivors Landed.
London, April 30.—The correspondent
of the Daily Mail at Kobe, Japan, says
the captain of the Japanese schooner
Chihaya, which arrived at Gensan yes-
terday, announced that he had rescued
about 45 soldiers and nine members of
the crew of the Japanese transport
Kinshu Maru.

The daily papers commenting upon
Russia's repudiation of official note
display some interest in any kind of
mediation would be welcome. They also
hint that Russia may have cause to re-
gret that she closed the door prema-
turely on the possibility of friendly in-
tervention and regard the note as pel-
ling all hope of an early termination
of hostilities. The Daily Telegraph
says: "The note breathes an uncon-
promising determination to fight while
there is a ruble in the treasury, but no
other course would be regarded worthy
of a great world power."

According to the Daily Telegraph's
correspondent the bulk of the supplies
of the Russian army at Liao Yang are
being conveyed to Feng Huang Cheng.

The Cruise of Squadron.
St. Petersburg, April 29.—The details
of Rear-Admiral Yezzen's raid show that
it was entirely successful. The ad-
miral safely brought back his squadron
to Vladivostok after inflicting material
and moral damage on the enemy. The
conduct of the 130 troops remaining
on board the Kinshu Maru in refusing
to surrender and firing upon the Rus-
sians, even while the transport was
sinking, evokes unbounded admiration.

"The Japanese are jealous of our Che-
ngmo heroes," is the popular comment.
At the same time, the action of the
heroic 130 men did not leave the Rus-
sians any alternative. They were ob-

liged to sink the transport, but means
to escape were left at the disposal of
the 130 Japanese. The papers point out
the mendacity of the Japanese claims
that Gensan was strongly garrisoned,
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It is expected that the Russian activity
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Kuapung, Manchuria, April 30.—A
m.—The first battle of the war is per-
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the Yalu river.

Sixteen thousand Japanese crossed
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of Commerce and the Cuthbert block,
after which it was got under control be-
fore crossing a vacant lot.

The fire had crossed from the start-
ing point to the east side of Victoria
avenue, first destroying the Muskoka
hotel and a cottage. It went down the
east side, taking in its way Purdy's
confectionery parlors and the Fernie
hotel, Bleasell's dry goods store, Stork's
plumbing store, Quill's hardware and
furniture store, Scribble's shoe store
and Liphart's jewelry store.

Leaping another street it went on,
taking P. Burns's meat shop, two jewel-
ry stores and a clothing store, where
it finally was stopped back from the
main street on Pellatt and Railroad
avenues. There were burned the Turner
block, containing the Calgary Cattle
Company meat market, the church, the
Alberta hotel and the store of the Pol-
lock Wine Company, Louis Carroll's
general store and other buildings, in-
cluding the warehouse. Only half-
dozen business buildings remain at the
end of the main street, including the B.
C. Furniture Company, Shephard &
Elliott's hardware, and the Fernie Free
Press office.

The charred space, upon which not a
building remains, is a quarter mile long
and 200 yards wide.

The flames have taken the heart of
the town completely. There were no
fatalities in the conflagration, and owing
to the few residences burned not
many families are homeless, but the
five hotels demolished accommodated
many who are now without room or
board. The loss of the stores makes a
scarcity of food, but this will be im-
mediately replenished from the stores at
Saskatoon nearby.

The public square was utilized as a
dumping ground for all stuff which peo-
ple attempted to save. It presents a
unique appearance, hotel furniture,
household goods and general merchan-
dise in heaps all over it.

The fire was large enough to create a
great deal of excitement, but what could
be done to save property was done sys-
tematically and with little loss of time.

The great energy of the townspeople
is already prevailing over the loss, and
empty buildings are being utilized for
the business places of such concerns as
the Coal Company, the Trites-Wood
Company, the Bank of Commerce and
P. Burns's meat market.

The telephone was disabled as soon as
the Coal Company's office burned, but
the telegraph connection is still intact.

The catastrophe will not interfere
with the work of the mines beyond a
few shifts being lost at Coal Creek.

Building operations will be commenc-
ed immediately, as there is a good sup-
ply of lumber and fittings in the town.

The total loss of property cannot be
estimated as yet, but the greatest loss in
the mercantile line is sustained by the
Trites-Wood Company, which is roughly
estimated at \$150,000, partly covered by
insurance.

thirty thousand Russians, who were
strongly fortified.

It is thought this morning that the
Russians are reinforced, and the battle
continues.

The Japanese sharpshooters killed
many Russian officers, whose uniforms
were conspicuous.

ANOTHER REPORT.
Washington, April 30.—Reports have
reached the state department, the source
of which the officials do not care to
divulge, to the effect that a great battle
has been fought on the Yalu river, re-
sulting in a complete Japanese victory.
Details are unavailable.

The Japanese legation here has re-
ceived news confirming these reports.
Reports which have from time to time



GENERAL VIEW OF THE TOWN OF FERNIE.

BURNED BUILDINGS WILL BE REPLACED

Inhabitants of Fire-Scorched Fernie Display Commendable Energy in Preparing to Resume Business.

Fernie, B. C., April 29.—Fire broke
out this morning at 3 o'clock in the
Richards & Company store, and before
being subdued at 8 o'clock it had prac-
tically wiped out the whole of the busi-
ness portion of the town and some pri-
vate residences.

Owing to the poor water supply the
fire brigade was unable to do very little
to check the spread of the conflagration.

Every grocery and dry goods store
was burned.

The following stores were among
those destroyed:
Richards & Co., general.
Hazelwood & Sudley, druggists.
Mitchell & Co., tailors.
Crow's Nest Trading Co., general.
The Trites Wood Co., general.
Cuthbert & Co., confectioners.
Purdy & Co., fruiterers, etc.

Beasdel, druggist.
Stork, hardware.
McEwing & Stein, barbers.
Hutchinson, tailor.
Lippart, jeweller.
Burns & Co., butchers.
Calgary Cattle Co., butchers.

The following hotels were also burnt:
Royal, Alberta, Fernie, Muskato, Vic-
toria and Waldorf.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company
lost their office.

The Bank of Commerce and English
church were also burned.

The loss is estimated at over half a
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ing dinner, where yesterday stood
square-looking business blocks.

The fire started this morning near the
southern end of Victoria avenue, the
main street of Fernie, and, with a wind
from the south, it spread, carrying every-
thing before it, and in a few hours al-
most the entire length of the main street
was cleared, leaving only a few business
houses at the northern end of the town.

The buildings, being all wooden, made
them an easy prey to the flames, despite
the valiant efforts made with hose and
buckets.

The fire started, "no one knows how,"
in the rear of Charles Richard's general
store, and was not large when first dis-
covered. The chemical engine was on
the spot twenty minutes after the fire
started, and the windows were broken
in to give the hose play. But the chemi-
cals did not work, and the broken win-
dows made a draught which soon sent
the flames through the roof.

The hose reel then arrived, but there
was so little pressure in the pipes that
the stream was not sufficient to quench
the flames.

A southeast wind was blowing, and
when the flames reached the Victoria
hotel they threatened the residential part
as well as the business section. But the
wind changed slightly to the west, and
decreasing at the same time, saved the
residential part, but the fire swept re-
stlessly with the wind down Victoria
avenue.

From the starting point, on the west
side of Victoria avenue, it burned a
warehouse, the office of Dr. Donnell,
Corsanka's milliner and tailor shop, and
the Fernie drug store, and then caught
in the Victoria hotel. From there it
crossed Wood street to the offices of the
Crow's Nest Pass Coal & Coke Com-
pany. The next in line was the Crow's
Nest Trading Company's store, includ-
ing the post office, then the three build-
ings of the Trites-Wood Company, one
of which contained the opera house.

It then caught in the Royal hotel,
which is the commercial hotel of Fernie.
From there the fire leaped across Cox
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RIVER

Mikado's Army Japanese Resulted Retreated--Jap- anese Evacuated

is declared to be untrue. The advance has retired and will continue to retreat before the main army of the country, according to the Russian programme, but it will keep in constant touch with the army, and skirmishing of a more or less serious character is expected as Gen. Kuraki advances. It is considered absolutely necessary in order to always know exactly where the main army of the enemy is. The general staff believes Gen. Kuraki will forward march on Feng Huang Chong will be accompanied by a landing at Tantung Kau, at the head of Korea bay, and not at other places along the coast as far as Taku Shang, under the protection of warships. These troops can keep in touch with Gen. Kuraki's operations. It might also be easier to get up a portion of the guns from places down the coast than drag them all up the mountains towards Tofin pass, from there to turn the Russian position at the Yalu. At the army headquarters here there is not the slightest doubt that the Russians consider they have sustained a defeat. The crossing of the Yalu by the enemy was taken as a matter of course, and as part of the programme.

THE CAPTURE OF GUNS.

Twenty-eight Quick Firing and Small Arms and Ammunition Taken.

Washington, May 2.—The Japanese general staff today received the following official cablegrams from Tokio: "General Kuraki, commanding the first army, reports from Chin Tien Chen that he has captured 28 quick firing guns, 200 small arms and 2000 rounds of ammunition. The general reserve corps advanced by the Liao Yang road. The enemy was composed of the whole third division of sharpshooters and Gen. Mitshchenko's cavalry brigade, with about 40 guns and eight machine guns. The enemy fled towards Feng Huang Chong. "Our casualties will not exceed 400. "Twenty-eight quick firing guns and a large quantity of small arms and ammunition were captured. Our heavy field guns were very effective. "A Russian officer was taken prisoner says that both of the commanders of the army corps and the division commander were wounded, and that the Russian casualties exceeded 500. "Admiral Kamoharui's fleet arrived at Gensan on the 26th of April without having effected the intended bombardment of Vladivostok, owing to the thick fog prevailing. The Russian fleet was overhauled, the fleet left port on the 27th in search of the steamer, and again proceeded near Vladivostok, but did not reach London in time to appear in the morning papers, and these losses are not yet mentioned from Russian sources. "A dispatch from Mukden says Gen. Kurakopitch arrived there on Sunday morning and left in the afternoon. His designation is not stated.

TRIBUTE TO JAPANESE.

Fine Masked Positions of the Guns Evokes Admiration of Russians.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—A m. m.—The first Japanese army, consisting of the 12th, 2nd and 12th divisions, according to official advices from the front, crossed the Yalu above the mouth of the river. For three days 3,000 Russians, under Generals Skoultz, Mitshchenko and Kashiutinsky, have been struggling on the Manchurian side of the river, and have been harassing and impeding the crossing of Japanese. On Saturday a gunboat flotilla at the mouth of the river and all the field guns posted on the Korean bank opened a bombardment and shelled the Russians in the Manchurian position. The Russian reports pay tribute to the fine masked positions of these guns. In two days' fighting the Russians lost two officers and five men killed, six officers and thirty-five men wounded.

OF LITTLE AVAIL.

In Spite of Fortified Position Russians Were Compelled to Retreat.

London, May 2.—Various opinions are expressed this morning regarding the importance of the Japanese victory at the Yalu. It is considered in some quarters that it was not likely that Russia would win the right to the Yalu, or for tactical purposes, and that the success of the Japanese will greatly increase their prestige. "The Daily Telegraph's correspondent says: "The Russians have been driven from a fortified position in spite of every advantage entailed by modern art. "The news of the very serious losses did not reach London in time to appear in the morning papers, and these losses are not yet mentioned from Russian sources. "A dispatch from Mukden says Gen. Kurakopitch arrived there on Sunday morning and left in the afternoon. His designation is not stated.

WERE OVERWHELMED.

Car's Soldiers Unable to Withstand the Attack of the Japanese.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—At 2.30 this afternoon the Associated Press was informed that the Russian army before the overwhelming superiority of the Japanese on the Yalu river, no details have been received since the report of General Zassalitch, commander of the second Russian army corps, yesterday, of the retirement from Chin Tien Chen to Antung. It is quite possible the loss on both sides in the week's fighting may reach the figures given by the Japanese, as the reserves were not brought up to support the Russian position at Chin Tien Chen, where the fighting was the heaviest. The Russians made a special effort to hold as long as possible the heights of Chosen, on an island opposite Chin Tien Chen, whence their guns commanded considerable stretch of river to the south, but a Japanese battery on a hill above Wiju dominated the position which the Russians eventually were forced to relinquish, thus losing the key to the river. The desperate character of the struggle may have been due to the necessity for gaining time for the withdrawal of the Russian detachments above and below. Gen. Zassalitch was in command of the force on the Yalu, which extended along a front of over thirty miles, with reserve supports fifteen miles back. The whole, according to the best information obtainable, did not exceed 17,000 men. What was the actual force engaged is not known at present, though probably it was not more than 5,000 men, if it was that large. No confirmation has yet been received of the reported capture of 28 Russian quick-firing guns or the wounding of General Zassalitch and Gen. Kashiutinsky, in command of the third division. The Russian troops at the Yalu river, or the burning of Antung. It is confirmed that a village of thatched huts was set on fire by a shell. "The statement that the Russians have fallen back so far as Feng Huang Chong

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Tokyo, May 1.—S. p. m.—On Wednesday last week a Japanese force found the body of Lieut. Semineff, who had been in command of the mounted scouts of the 2nd East Siberian Rifles, at Kurito Island.

THE IOWA'S GUNS.

United States Board of Inquiry Reports on Recent Experiments.

Washington, April 29.—The navy board, consisting of Captain Barton, Commander Fletcher and Lieutenant Dieffenbach, appointed to investigate the circumstances attending the bursting of two eight-inch guns on the Iowa, February 5th last, has reported to the secretary that the board finds that in firing of the guns all precautions were taken. The report states: "When the forgings of the guns were being machined at the gun factory, defects developed, the defects being described as numerous small breaks in the continuity of the metal, and also minute 'sand and slag spots.' The forgings thereupon were rejected by the factory. "On a protest by the manufacturing company, the report recites, a board was ordered in accordance with a clause in the contract. This board recommended the rejection of certain of the forgings, but on further protest of the manufacturer another board was ordered, and it found that the 'defects' that are referred to as existing are common to all forgings in a larger or smaller degree, but neither the sand nor the slag spots or breaks are serious enough in the present stage to cause us to recommend their rejection. "The report also states, approved and recommended acceptance of the forgings with a ten per cent. reduction; the department approved the report, and the guns were designed for use with brown powder, but smokeless powder was used instead. With the adoption of smokeless powder the muzzle velocity of the guns was increased to 2,300 feet. In its conclusion the board finds that the guns, so far as material is concerned, were as strong as the guns of the same calibre. "The report also states, the bursting of shells in the bore or from excessive pressure resulting from normal action of the powder charge. But the board says the increase of muzzle velocity from 2,000 to 2,300 while at the same time the breach was decreased, reduced the margin of safety along the chase too much. It is recommended that more extensive experiments be made to determine the advantage and disadvantage of the present grain powder in comparison with shapes. "The department has the report of the board under consideration.

JAP SQUADRON BUSY.

Will Attempt a Landing on Liao Tung Peninsula—Warships Accompany Transports.

Chefoo, May 1.—It is expected here that the Japanese will land on the Liao Tung peninsula, near Takushan, if they have not already done so. It is learned that the Chinese, who were at Takushan, that on April 22nd four Japanese warships, 12 torpedo boat destroyers and also some torpedo boats approached Takushan. Ninety-seven officers and a party of men landed. They were discovered by the Russian guards, who fired upon them. The Japanese then returned to their ships, which were still off Takushan, when the Chinese left on April 25th. There are some grounds for the belief that the Japanese transports which were Japanese fleet at a rendezvous on the west side of the bay of Korea.

HEARTY WELCOME.

To King Edward and Queen Alexandra Arriving at Kilkenny.

Kilkenny, Ireland, April 30.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra, having completed their visit to Dublin, arrived here this afternoon and had the heartiest reception. The town was filled with thousands of people from the surrounding country. Several addresses were presented to His Majesty. "The King spoke of his gratification at the fact that his deep interest in the Irish people was recognized. Both the Queen and himself would refer to Ireland which the intelligence and deftness of her people amply qualified her to give him a visit to Ireland gave him better acquaintance with the needs of the people and convinced them of his kindly feeling, he would be amply repaid.

PROBABLY MURDERED.

Mysterious Death of a Philadelphia Travelling Man at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 30.—G. O. Webster, a travelling man of Philadelphia, died here today under mysterious circumstances, and it is believed by the police that he was murdered. Webster was brought into the Hotel Pentland at night in a dazed condition by a stranger, who explained that he had fallen down stairs in a down town block. Webster was suffering with a crushed shoulder and had concussion of the brain, and died shortly afterwards without regaining consciousness. Only \$1 was found in his pockets, while a friend declares that Webster had \$300 upon his person.

A FEW QUESTIONS.

Editor of Berlin Paper Asks if Government Knows Boats Are Being Built For Russia.

Berlin, May 2.—Edmond Bernstein, member of the Reichstag, begins the publication today of a new Socialist weekly entitled Das Neue Montagsblatt. Bernstein presents his editorial column with the following questions: "It is known to the German government that torpedo boats and destroyers which the Russian government are being built at one of the largest German shipyards. Is it known to the government that in order to disguise this breach of neutrality the several parts of the vessels are exported as half finished manufactures and put together in Lihau, Russia? Is it known finally that the work proceeds from 5 a. m. to 9 p. m.?"

THE ROYAL VISIT.

Report that the King and Queen Will Make Annual Trips to Ireland.

New York, May 1.—In a special cable from London today the New York Herald has the following: "King Edward appears to be helping to spread some content throughout Ireland this week. He, with Queen Alexandra, has been paying a visit to the Emerald Isle, which is their Majesty's avowed intention, shall be an annual affair. A special correspondent of the Herald says that Dublin has seen a record breaking gathering of society, both in the city and at Punchestown, where their Majesties have been attending the races."

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"Costumes described about two months ago for young American lady named Arnold, said to be great heiress, as part of trousseau for marriage with the Stefano Dorrabantia, gentleman of great Roman family. The marriage did not take place. Miss Arnold left Naples suddenly some time ago for London. Reason for breaking engagement and disappearance unknown here, but cause of much gossip at time. There was some suspicion of some destination, as Miss Arnold had been seen talking at door of hotel and walking with extremely handsome, distinguished man of middle age, dressed like rich man. She next parcel contained six letters, two at the bottom having been written by a woman, the four at top by a man; and all six were in Italian. The third packet held only three letters, daintily and prettily written by a woman's hand on thick, cream-laid paper, with 'Mabel' in the left-hand corner. 'Eve Desmond' was on his way back to Tangier, and did the only thing I saw my way to do at the time. It didn't occur to me that you would suspect I had sent it simply to put you on the right track."

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"Rot!" growled the first. "I ain't no more upset than you are."

"Dick moved away, attaching no importance for the moment on the telegram, and what it would mean in his investigation. The gossip is reported concerning the love affair of young Dick. But his navy is now pretty well crushed and whether this has anything to do with the sending of the fleet to Copper Inlet, the company does not state. Advantage, however, will be taken of the crippled condition of the fleet. No sailors have never in the past in any respect for the law, and certainly have no occasion nor intention to violate any regulation now. Six schooners which have left for Copper Inlet are to be used for a line of policy heretofore carried by the company. All the vessels are white crews. Indian schooners will return to and here re-equip for the Behring Sea and Miss Rennie and Mrs. Yetter, have been visiting friends in this city, for their home in Stephen, Minn., day evening."

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"Rot!" growled the first. "I ain't no more upset than you are."

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SPORTING

LACROSSE. THE DRAWN GAME.

It is estimated that fully 12,000 people will be in attendance at the drawn game between Vancouver and Westminster in the Terminal City on May 14th. Should Vancouver win, it is safe to predict that hundreds of supporters will accompany the team to this city on the 24th of May. Westminster's new players will be "Pat" Peasey, although only 10 years of age, Peasey is a marvel of speed and shooting ability. The Vancouver team will be strengthened by the addition of two Eastern players, Devine and McLean.

THE LOCAL TEAM.

The home team's chances for championship honors this year are looking more rosier every day, and when the team takes to the field on the 24th patrons of the game are assured of two hours of the fastest lacrosse seen in this city for years. From goal to inside home there will not be a weak spot, nor the doubtful points having been strengthened by the addition of several new players. Sam Lorimer's hand, which was injured a short time ago, is mending rapidly, and it will have to be a very tricky shot that scores on Sam, who takes his position between the flags on the 24th. In a letter to a friend, Alex. Turnbull, Westminster's star center, intimates that he is feeling better than for two years past, and jocularly remarks that the player who opposes him will have to have a few cramps handy. It will be interesting to watch the battle between Alex. and the new centre of the local team.

MATCH ON 24th.

On Saturday evening a joint meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse and Baseball Clubs was held for the purpose of coming to some amicable arrangement regarding the games to be played during the Victoria Day celebrations. After some consideration it was mutually agreed that the opening lacrosse match between the Victoria and Vancouver teams should take place on the morning of Tuesday, the 24th, at the Caldera grounds. This game will commence at 10 o'clock, and will be preceded by a match between the Centrais, of Victoria, and the Argonauts of Vancouver, which starts at 8.30 o'clock. Both seniors and juniors will commence training immediately.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.

The annual general meeting of the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse Association was held in Nanaimo on Tuesday night. President A. Larwill, of Vancouver, occupied the chair. The following delegates were present: Vancouver, C. W. Murray and A. Larwill; New Westminster, D. Walker and A. W. Gray; Nanaimo, J. C. McGregor and O. Dobson.

THE REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY FOR THE SEASON OF 1903 WERE READ AND ADOPTED, AFTER WHICH THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS TOOK PLACE, THE RESULTS BEING AS FOLLOWS: Hon. President, E. O'Callaghan, of Vancouver; Vice-President, J. C. McGregor, of Nanaimo; first vice-president, A. W. Gray, of New Westminster; second vice-president, C. W. Murray, of Vancouver; secretary, D. Walker, of New Westminster; and Dr. Drysdale, of Nanaimo.

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BASKETBALL. BELLINGHAM HAS TEAM.

F. R. Cole, who has been endeavoring to organize a team for Everett, has transferred his organization to Bellingham. The latter name will be as follows: Messrs. Pringle, Mackay and Lent, of Everett; Galaski, Dean, Hartness and Jansz, of Bellingham; Brockoff, of Sedro-Woolley; Greene, of Spokane; Broadhurst, of Vancouver and Taylor, a new man from Iowa, who has the reputation of being fast in the infield. The men have not yet been assigned to their places, but that will do, provisionally at least, this week. It is believed that Everett will organize another team.

IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE GAME ANNOUNCED TO BE PLAYED HERE BY EVERETT ON MAY 7th will now be against the new Bellingham aggregation.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. ISLAND V. MAINLAND.

"An endeavor is being made to have a team representing the Mainland league and an eleven composed of players on Vancouver Island meet next month in a match to decide the championship of British Columbia," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "A general meeting of the Mainland Association Football League was held at New Westminster, delegates being present as follows: Celtics, of Vancouver, A. C. Stewart, J. R. Badger, Rovers, of New Westminster; Professor Davidson, of Byrill; Shamrocks, of Vancouver; F. W. Watson, R. McLean.

"The meeting was unanimous in its opinion that a match should be arranged with an Island team, and in anticipation that such a match will be arranged two teams were chosen to play on Wednesday evening, May 4th, at the Canby street grounds. A selection committee will be present and will pick out the best eleven players to represent the Mainland league against an Island combination."

GARRISON VICTORIOUS.

The final match played on Saturday at Nanaimo between the Garrison and Coal City eleven resulted in a victory for the soldiers by a score of 2 points to all. They have therefore captured the provincial championship and with it the McKeehan cup, which has been held by Nanaimo for the past several seasons.

The game was well contested, although the Garrison team displayed much better form than their opponents. In combination and fast work among the forwards the soldiers spent their energy in rushing forward to take the ball past eleven stalwart players into the goal mouth. Needless to say the Garrison was unsuccessful in this, and the first half ended with each side standing one in favor of the soldiers. During the second half there was a decided change, the Nanaimo players putting up a more aggressive game and coming away with some

