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Shipbuilder Leaves Toto Build For Hudson's Say Co.

r Will Also Be Built For he Peace River Traffic

(From Sunday's Dally.)

lexander Watson, Jr., one of s most successful boat builders sident of the city of nearly rorty aves tonight for Prince Albert askatchewan river to start comwork on a fleet of light-draft elers for the Hudson's Bay. After Prince Albert, Mr. next objective point is Fort a on the Peace river where amers will be built. The marr the work will most probably ed from Winnipeg and the work p Mr. Watson away from his a considerable time, attom has been very successful steamers he has built at this e has constructed among others, at Royal, the H. B. C. steamer Stickeen river, which left here ring of 1901; the Hazleton, the h boat on the same river, and a, now operated on the Yukon twen White Horse and Dawtson is the elder brother of the From Sunday's Dally.)

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and the elder brother of the and the honor done him by on's Bay Company is also an Victoria as a home of capable rienced shipbuilders. lonist will go regularly to Mr. s before leaving he ordered the a year and he will thus be ouch with doings in his home incidentally the paper will be residents in the far northern intry.

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atson said last evening that saw and flour mill at present in the Peace River country, listrict is rapidly being settled rill in a very short time be a reant factor in the wheat raismada.

It is not said to be a the said person with the extent of the ising belt of Canada a statently made by a United States till be interesting. He said person took a map of the interioran Continent and a pair of and placed one point where Minn., is and the other as in Canada as wheat grows, Iraw a circle the arc will touch the and Pacific oceans and the dexico. This would undoubthat Canada possesses the alk of the wheat lands of the

Type of the James Bay.—The B. C. Electry Company, which has enan agreement with the city illing in of the James Bay material brought from Spring making preparations for the rying on of the work; a comtist deemed advisable. Just C. P. It. engineers are busy oring operations at the flats, undertaken with a view of g how deep it will be necesso to get a solid foundation. necessary to drive piles to able extent. When a report submitted on this point and of the foundations described, of filling in the surrounding be undertaken with vigor.

Good Work.—The New York a recent issue, dealing with ar in which the Associated hers its war news, said in of a lengthy article: "Early termoon of the day of the patch of 1,200 words, containing of the sea fight at Port and the lips of eye-witnesses he Indo-China steamship Colgan to come into the New of the Associated Press. It by George Denny, the Chefoo ent of the Associated Press. It has of the evening papers of and elsewhere in the country, so of the London morning pabrief and almost destitute of

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# **Choking The**

Action of Commonwealth Authorities Will Divert Australian Business.

Japanese Government Treats With Scant Courtesy Cana. dians' Applications.

Chaplain of Fifth Regiment Assumes Honorary Rank of Captain.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The idea prevails in some quarters that a deliberate attempt some quarters that a deliberate attempt will be made to choke the pan-Brittanic Pacific cable project to death. It will be remembered that the Commonwealth senate blocked an arrangement with the Eastern Extension Company, granting authority to the rival of the Pacific cable to connect its land lines with all the state capitals and to actively energy proposed arrangement on the pacific cable to connect its land lines with all the state capitals and to actively energy proposed arrangement on the connect its land lines with all the state capitals and to actively energy proposed arrangement on the connect its land lines with all the state capitals and to actively energy proposed arrangement on the connect its land lines with all the state capitals and to actively energy proposed arrangement on the connect its land lines with all the state capitals and to actively energy proposed arrangement on the connect its land lines with all the state capitals and to actively energy proposed arrangement on the connect its land lines with all the state capitals and to actively energy proposed arrangement on the connect its land lines with all the state capitals and to actively energy proposed arrangement on the connect its land lines with all the state capitals and to actively energy proposed arrangement on the connect its land lines with all the state capitals and to actively energy proposed arrangement on the connect its land lines with a view to diverting the canadians are building a great canal with a view to diverting the canadians are building a great canal with a view to diverting the canadians are building a great canal with a view to diverting the canadians are building a great canal with a view to diverting the canadians are building a great canal with a view to diverting the canadians are building a great canal with a view to diverting the canadians are building a great canal with a view to diverting the canadians are building a great canal with a view to diverting the canadians are building a great canal with a view

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GERMAN BARON

Corpse Found Near Dead Quarry in Woods at Port

Angeles. Port Angeles, Wash. Feb. 24.—The body of Baron Martin Von Schloszer, formerly an officer in the German army and for many years, a resident of this city, has been found on the range south of the hot springs, near the body of a dead bear. The baron undoubtedly had been killed by the bear while hunting.

The body was found on Monday even-ing, and the news of the fact was first prought to this city today by C. Bowine, a ranger rought to this city today by C. Bowine, ranger.

The baron started on a hunt Monday norning. On his body were found recipts from banks in Portland, Oregon, hieago and New York for over one bounded thousand dollars. A letter ound on the body directed that Judge Hatch should administer his affairs. The body will be brought here tomorow. Baron Von Schloszer had been a esident of Port Angeles for several ears and only recently had taken out aturalization papers.

CONSTRUCTION POSTPONED. Malta, Orimea, Feb. 23.—The building of the railroad along the southern shore of the Crimea with state funds has been postponed on account of the

RUSSIA'S PROTEST.

Washington, Feb. 23.—At an important conference scheduled for tomorrow noon at the American State department, het ween United States Secretary of State Hay and Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador to the United States, Russia's protests to the powers against Japan's violation of international law will be communicated to the Washington government.

The cabinet session interfered with

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMIDDY CURES COLDS ON NATURE'S PLAN.

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Pacific Cable Swatseer and John Mahey, of Erie, lost their lives today by the explosion of a A DEMENTED KNIGHT.

Mentone, France, Feb. 23.—Sir Hon. Seton Gordon, Bart., became suddenly demented here and behaved in such a manner that he eventually was taken into custody and placed in charge of a doctor. He telegraphed to numerous hotels ordering rooms for three hundred imaginary friends, and created a scene at the British consulate. He also sent a telegram to King Edward and the British foreign office complaining of the way he had been treated.

ENTERPRISING CANADIANS.

Asiatic Fleet

canadian Regiment. Major Carruthers will be inspector of signaling in all Ontario military districts and west to the Pacific coast. Capt. Lister will be the inspector of Essatern districts. Militia changes gazetted today: Sixth Regiment, to be chaplain with honorary rank of captain, Rev. C. C. Owen. Officers of the Sixth are permitted to adopt staff or naval pattern forage cap.

CERMAN RARON

KILLED BY BEAR Note Handed to Washington Govern-

Washington, Feb. 24.—Promptly at noon today Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, handed Secretary Hay Russia's communication to the powers protesting against Japan's alleged violation of international law. The conference between Secretary Hay and the ambassador lasted an hour. The full text of the note is coming by mail, the substance of it being communicated by the ambassador on the basis of cabled advices. This government has not yet determined what reply it will make to Russia on the subject beyond a formal acknowledgement. Secretary Hay will bring the matter to the attention of the President.

THE IROQUOIS GRAND **JURY MAKES REPORT** 

Ground Upon Which the Recent indictments at Chicago Were Secured.

Minneapolis, Feb. 24.—Minneapolis flour millers are hard pressed for cars in which to load their output. The roads have been appealed to for aid in securing cars so as to prevent curtailment of production. Wheat arriving in cars of roads that permit reloading for the East, commands a slight premium over wheat in cars not allowed to go East, Blockades at Chicago and Buffalo are responsible.

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Czer's Representative in Far East Warns Manchurlans of State of War.

At Port Arthur Creates Excitement At

St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25th-2:45 a.m. A telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the Czar says: "At a quarter before three in the morning of February 23rd, numerous Japanese torpedo boats attempted to attack the battleship Retvizan and sink large steamers loaded with inflammables. The Retvizan was the first to observe the torpedo boats, and opened strong fire on them. She was supported by the land batterles. She destroyed two steamers near the entrance of the harbor. They were coming directly towards her. One of them went on the rocks near the lighthouse on Tiger Tail Peninsula, and the other sank under Golden hill. The Retvizan observed four steamers in a sinking condition and eight torpedo boats departing slowly to rejoin the waiting Japanese warships. A portion of the crews of the Japanese vessels were drowned. The grounded steamer is still burning. The enemy is observed in the offing of Port Arthur in two lines. The Japanese crews saved themselves in boats and it is possible that some of them were picked up by the enemy's torpedo boats. I am proceeding to examine the coast. The entrance of the harbor is open. I attribute the complete derangement of the enemy's plan to brilliant and decisive fire from the Retvizan. Floating mines are still visible in the roadstead. Have recalled the three cruisers sent In pursuit of the enemy in order, in the first place to clear the roadstead of floating mines.

WOULD NOT STOP.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 24.—The German steamer Allenburg, Captain Kuhls, from Hamburg and West Indian ports, arrived here today and reported that between San Domingo and Sancheza, Santo Domingo, the Dominican gunboat Presidente hove in sight and fired a blank shot across her bows. Capt. Kuhls, however, refused to stop and no further interference was attempted.

SHORTAGE OF CARS.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. THE RUSSIAN BATTLE SHIP RETVIZAN.

Russians Are

Paris, Feb. 25.—The Harbin correspondent of the Matin says that the Japanese, in an attempt to repeat at Port Arthur the experiment of the Americans at Santiago, sent in three merchant ships to be sunk in the entrance to the harbor. The Russian battleship Retviz an, although she was still stranded, perceived them and sank them before this design could be carried out.

Reconnaissance in Force Was

Cruiser Variag at Chemulpo Be-Ing Repaired But Korletz

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SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON

TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

London, Feb. 25.-The Tokio corre-

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Yesterday.

Moving South

Berlin, Feb. 23.—Fritz Meyer, a banker, says the Tageblatt, left Berlin in consequence of liabilities, amounting to \$500,000 incurred on account of loss due to the depreciation of Russian securities.

Alexieff's

Proclams

KISHINEFF MASSACRE.

Kishineff, Russia, Feb. 23.—At the resumption today of the trial of prisoners connected with the massacre here, Kurban and Rotar, accused of murdering Abraham Kogan, were acquitted, but the former was condemned to a vegr's imprisonment for meritaria.

FIRE AT GLACE BAY. Glace Bay, C. B., Feb. 23.—Fire, followed by an explosion, destroyed the large warehouse owned by A. C. Thompson & Co., this morning; loss, \$8,000. Chief Leaman of the fire department was badly injured by falling walls.

BANKS REOPENING. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 23.-The banks in this city resumed business today in all their branches for the first time since the fire. Part of the militia guard was removed from the fire district today, where 400 men remain on duty. The dynamiting of walls has also been stopped, all dangerous walls having been razed.

Passage Of The Dardanelles

Menul Officials Considering the New Jones of the conference of the that uegotiations are now in progress between Norway, Sweden and Denmark, looking to the preparation of a programme for joint action, should the war between Russia and Japan extend to European waters. An understanding is held to be desired in order that the coasts of the three nations may be adequately protected.

DULL DAYS AT ST. HELENA.

Mark Tapley would have enjoyed himself in St. Helena at present, judging from the pessimistic tone of the leading article in the latest issue of the local paper, which is one of the smallest journals in the world, not much larger than a chect of foolscap. The lonely little island is suffering severely by reason of the "reaction from the abnormally prosperous days of the Boer occupation." This is a somewhat Hibernian way of putting the case. As a rule the conquerors occupy a country. rule the conquerors occupy a country, not the prisoners of war.

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(Special Cable to London Times Loudon, Feb. 25.—The Paris correspondent of the London Times cables that the Paris Presse declares that confirmation has been received by the foreign office from the French consulat Port Arthur of the Russian naval success reported from St. Petersburg. According to the Presse the Russians repelled a Japanese attack wift such vigor that four Japanese ironclads were anandoned and stranded.

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Four Japanese Warships

Abandoned,

Russian and Chinese Interests Are Declared to Be Identical.

Railroads and Telegraphs Left in Keeping of the People.

Yin Kow, Feb. 24.-Viceroy Alexieff has caused a proclamation to be issued throughout Manchuria notifying the Chinese that Russia is at war with Japan on account of Japan's treacherous attack on the Russian fleet.

The proclamation is under six head-First-Warns the inhabitants that

they must prevent the eucroachment of Second-Russian and Chinese interests are declared to be identical, but as

are declared to be identical, but as China says she wishes to maintain neutrality, therefore all officials in Manchuria, instead of hindering, must assist the Russian army.

Third—The people shall continue their occupations, and shall treat the Russian troops with confidence.

Fourth—The railroad telegraphs are left to the protection of the people, who will be held responsible in case they are injured.

plication and uncertainty in all interna-RIFLE INVENTOR DEAD. Branford, Conn., Feb. 24.—James Parish Lee, the inventor of the Lee fife, died tonight at Fort Beach. Mr. Lee was born in Hawick, Scotland,

venty-one years ago. AMERICAN SAILORS SCORE A VICTORY

In Fisticuffs With Spanlards Several Men Are Wounded

at St. Thomas. rule the conquerors occupy a country, not the prisoners of war.

Now that the 6,000 Boer captives are all gone, there is no longer a remunerative market for St. Helena produce, and "vegetables are left to rot." To make matters worse, the visits of ships — the principle source of income to St. Henena before the construction of the Suez canal—are getting more and more angelic in their infrequency. The editor of the St. Helena Guardian declares that "everybody is getting disheartened, the island is very dull, there

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IN FREE PASSES

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If Traveler is Killed Cannot Get Damages From Rall-oad Company.

at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, B. W. I., Feb. 24.—A fight occurred here yesterday between sailors from a Spanish war vessel and from an American warship which related to the wounding of several men and an ultimate victory for the American. The fight originated when a man from the United States cruiser Columbia jostled a sailor from the Spanish rouser and an ultimate victory for the American sailor from the Spanish with a companion from his ship as was the American sailor. The Spaniard was with a companion and attacked the two Spaniards, who defended themselves with their knives and succeeded in slightly wounding several other Americans. They finally escaped, ran to the wharf and jumped into the water. They were picked up by a boat and taken on board their ship. The wounded American sailor in a critical condition.

### Forecasting Japan's Plan

French Military Expert Outlines the Probable Procedure of Japanese.

Admiral Makaroff's Appointment Causes Satisfaction at Port Arthur.

Viceroy Alexieff Handed Over Entire Authority Before Starting for Harbin

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—M. Jeletz, a military expert, who is to accompany General Kuropatkin to the front, predicts that the Japanese will make their base of operations along the line between Ping Yang and Wonsan, Korea, relying upon the protection of the fleet against a flank attack.

The Japanese army will, from this line, have to march two hundred miles over mountainous country to the Value.

The Japanese army will, from this line, have to march two hundred miles over mountainous country to the Yalu river where they will find the Russians strongly entrenched. If they succeed in forcing this line back they will find another strong Russian line extending from the Yalu to Mukden. They may then divide their forces using one-half to hold the Bussians in check, while the other half goes south to beselge Port Arthur. In this event, the Japanese will be liable to a flank attack by the northern Russian forces at Kirin.

The appointment of Admiral Makaroff to the command of the Russian Pacific The appointment of Admiral Makaroff to the command of the Russian Pacific fleet, has been published in the Gazette. A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press at Port Arthur telegraphs that the appointment of General Kuropatkin to command Russia's military forces in the Far East has been received with delight there.

Before leaving Port Arthur the correspondent continues, Viceroy Alexieff conferred upon Lieut-General Stoessel all the rights of commander in the fortified district.

the Russian military authorities on the subject. He says land operations will not commence before some weeks, and then only should practical relief mensures be taken. This statement is accepted as an indication of Russia's wish to complete the concentration of their troops before engaging in decisive combat.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Hon. Mr. Scott, secretary of state, received a cable this amorning from Mr. Jordan, British minister resident at Seoul, Korea, stating that the Rev. Macrae and Mrs. Macrae and Miss K. MacMillan, who were at Hamheung, had arrived at Wonsan, and that Rev. A. F. Robb and family hoped shortly to reach Wonsan from Song

In the Police court this morning two Chinamen were sentenced to three months in jail at lard labor on a charge of keeping a gambling, joint, while tenpayers, or onlookers, were each fine and control to the morning in jail.

### BRIGHT PROSPECTS OF ROSSLAND CAMP

# VLADIVOSTOCK AND THE RUSSIAN FLEET



Scene in Viadivostock Harbor, Showing the Russian Fleet et Anchor.

# NAVY MANNING PORT ARTHUR'S GUNS

Gunners From Russian Warships Take Charge of the Forts and Report of a Fresh Attack By the Japanese Is Now Confirmed.

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RED CROSS SOCIETY.

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Chefoo, Feb. 20.—The United States warships Wilmington and New Orleans, which arrived here, have suddenly been recalled to the south. It is reported that an incident occurred at Shanghai, probably connected with the present war. The Annapolis, which is expected here tomorrow, has also been recalled to

### SWEEPING JAPANESE VICTORY

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST. Tokio, Feb. 23.—Advices received from Nagasaki announce another sweeping Japanese naval victory, as the result of which four Russian torpedo destroyers, a part of the Port Arthur defence squadron, have been captured by the Japanese fleet under Admiral Uriu. The announcement created intense excitement in Tokio. Details are lacking. One report states that the Japanese commander successfully used the Russian signals, and by that means was enabled to approach close to the Russian scouting squadron before being detected. While the report is generally credited here, no confirmation can be obtained at the Navy department, where it is stated that no word has been received from Admiral Uriu in two days. It is believed that the capture took place some time Sunday, as it is generally thought a fourth attack on Port Arthur had been planned for that day. 

GERMAN MILITARY VIEWS. GERMAN MILITARY VIEWS.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—The Militar Wochenblatt, the organ of the German general staff, has published an article discussing Russia's prospects of reinforcing her atmy in east Asia. The paper takes a pessimistic view of the capacity of the trans-Siberian railroad, and especially of the section crossing Lake Balkal, where it says the difficulties to be overcome are enormous. The limited capacity of the line is said to be a much more serious matter than the threatened

....... Alexieff at Harbin Ying Kow, Feb. 22.—Viceroy Alexieff and his full staff have just arrived at Harbin, where headquarters have been estab-

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* damage to it by natives. The paper catange to it by natives. The paper estimates the present troop-moving capacity of the railroad from Russia's experience last summer in moving two brigades to Tschita, east of Lake Baikal, which was only accomplished at the rate of about twelve miles an hour. At this rate it would take 36 days to convey 25,000 men from the Ural mountains to Mukden or Vladivostock.

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On the same day the State department sent the following telegram to the governments of Russia and Japan, communicating its purpose to the other powers interested:

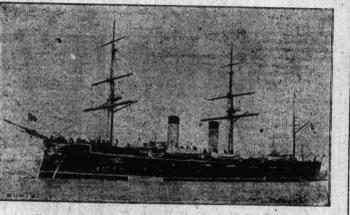
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Russians In Captivity

Refugees From Sunken War Ships Arrive at Colombo in British Ship.

Lifting of Censor's Embargo Proves to Have a String Attached.

The note is to the following effect, although the text is not yet obtainable:

"That the Russian government, believing all civilized powers to be faithfully desirous that the law of nations shall be strictly adhered to in the present war, respectfully calls the attention of the neutral governments to these two instances in which Japan has violated this saw: In threatening the neutral port o. Chemulpo, where warships of many nations were gathered, demanding the departure from that port of the Russian men-of-war Variag and Koreitz, under penalty of attack within the harbor, and in attacking the Russian fleet at Port Arthur on the nights of Melculary 8 and 9, and on the following days, their attacks having taken place prior to a formal declaration of war and before the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, or the Russian minister at Tokio, had left their posts. It is also claimed that the attack took place after a communication from the Japanese minister to the Russian government expressing the hope that the interruption of diplomatic relations would ore brief." Reported Defeat of Russian Vanguard at the Yalu With Great Loss.

tion of diplomatic relations would be brief."

In the diplomatic corps the news of Russia's intended address to the powers has caused great interest. A diplomatic with a second of the sympathize with Russia, said that the Russian government is inclined to sympathize with Russia, said that the Russian government did not expect other nations to pass on the attack at Port Arthur, but as to the threatened attack on Chemulpo, this diplomat said the Russian government expected the powers, in the interest of international slaw, would give this matter their earnest consideration. Several of the foreign naval commanders in Chemulpo, he said, were reported to have protested against the action of the Japanese commander. He thought it likely that the action of the commander of the Vicksburg would be the subject of an exchange of views the subject of an exchange of views the the subject of an exchange of views the subject of the Vicksburg and Washington governments. SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST. London, Feb. 23.—The Colombo, Ceylon, correspondent of the London Times cables that the governor has received a despatch from Colonial Secretary Lyttleton informing him that within a short time three hundred and twenty-five Russian sailors, survivors of the battle at Chemulpo, will arrive on a British ship for detention in Ceylon pending the pleasure of the Russian government.

weapons are intended for the Far East.

The Paris correspondent of the London Times states that St. Petersburg, in time of peace, one of the most difficult places for journalistic effort, has suddenly become a great centre for foreign correspondents. The continental press is at present flooded with large telegrams and letters from the Russian capital. While the decision apparently just taken to suspend the censorship on all news sent abroad from Russia was a surprise, the fact that it was stated that all war news must pass the censor, nullifies the other order.

The sudden rush of the Russian governments of the sudden rush of the Russian governments. THEIR OWN PETARDS.

Wei-Ilai-wei, Feb. 23.—The British is steamer Ching Ping, belonging to the Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, of Shanghai, has arrived here from Port Dalny, and reports that she also was fired upon by the Russia-and was hit several times around her water line. A Russian pilot boat that was coming out of Port Dalny to pilot the Ching Ping, was blown up by a mine.

THEIR OWN PETARDS.

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The sudden rush of the Russian government with publicity has aroused suspiction in many quarters, where the question is being asked: "What is behind the move?" It is inconceivable that the Russian government, which is at great pains to conceal every important happening in time of peace, should now want to make public every happening of importance. A number of leading diplomats and army and naval officers are inclined to believe that, in permitting all manner of sensational stories to be spread broadcast, Russia thoughout favoring Russia.

News of Safety of Crew Ap-

### Task Well-Nigh Impossible

General Kuropatkin About to Undertake a Practical Impossibility.

Austrian Military Experts Point Out Defects in the Russian System.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST. London, Feb. 23.—The Vienna corre-pondent of the London Times states the announcement of the appointment of eneral Kuropatkin to the supreme com-and of the Russian army in Manchuria accepted there as indicating that Rus-a recognizes the appointment of the suprementation. sia recognizes the gravity of the situa-tion. While admitting that General Ku-ropatkin is by an ouds the best of the Russian commanders and admittedly the one man of all others to handle the situation, Austrian military expenses the been made in St. Petersburg in not put-ting the army in Manchuria on a war-basis long ago. Manchuria, experts de-clare, is like South Africa in that great military reputations are bound to be lost there. Ie remains, therefore, to be seen whether General Kuropatkin who has not had an organized foe to deal with since Plevna will demonstrate that he comprehends the change in modes of warfare that the past quarter of a cen-tury have brought forth.

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### The Germans As Colonizers

**Baron Von Sternburg Addresse** American Academy of Political Science.

Growth of European and Ameri can interests in the Far East.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Baron Spec Von Sternburg, the German ambassade to the United States, upon whom the University of Pennsylvania today conferred the degree of doctor of laws, we the principal speaker at the regula monthly meeting of the Academy of Political and Social Science at the New Century drawing room tonight. His subject was the "Germans as Coloniers."

Baron Von Sternberg, after referring at length to the part taken by German

subject was the "Germans as Colonisers."

Baron Von Sternberg, after referrin at length to the part taken by German emigrants in "elevating the Unite States to its present greatness, concluded as follows:

"Time is too short for me to dwe on the history and development of German colonies in Africa and in the Picific, but I think it may be of interest by you to hear a few words about he Chinese possession, Kiow Chow, since the eyes of the world are turned to wards the battleground in the Fur Eas where the greatest political and social problems which ever confronted the statesman and the diplomatist, dorman for centuries, are now ripe for solution.

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"That the time was rapidly approaching was keenly felt by all students of the Far East long ago, that to have woice in the impending great council of nations which should decide on the fate and future of China. They above all would need naval strongholds, and treap the advantages of the great cominitate of the Far East, they would need naval strongholds, and treap the advantages of the great cominitation of the Far East, they would need to the rear, thus permit the more powerful to reap the stupeanous advantages which the future of China have in store. England already possessed Hongkong in the south, to which she added after the China-Japan ese war in 1894 the harbor and navabase of Wei-Hai-Wei, in Shan Tung.

"Russia gained, after the same war the famous maval stronghold of Por Arthur and the port of Talien Wan where, within a few years, has sprung up one of the finest clies and trade emporiums in the Far East. The Spanish war brought to the United States the Philippines, with excellent harbors most valuable, both for strategical and commercial purposes. The already great value of these islands on China's eastern fank will be enormously enhanced after the opening of the Panama canal. They will be the great eastern trade emporiums of the United States, and where will radiate her commerce, feeding a Chinese coast line of about two thousand miles, studded with rich harbors, most of them in the infancy of their development. The strategical position of Subig bay and other harbors is apparent even to the layman.

"Trance, as we know, controls a large portion of the southern frontier of China, bordering on her vast Indo-Chinese possessions. Japan's strategical and commercial position is known to you all. When Germany procured the harbor of Kiao Chow from the Chinese government in 1899, her first step was to open it to the trades of the world.

"The laws and rules governing trade and commerce and settlem

"Grave fear and alarm was expressed by all concerned in the steadily growing trade of the Far East when war clouds out there were threatening to burst. It was the farseeing eye of the Washington government which saved China from chaos and dismemberment during the Boxer troubles of 1900. New flames again threaten to arise from the still smouldering aches New flames again threaten to arise from the still smouldering ashes. But in the right moment we again see the same ever watchful government rise and invite the powers of the world to act in concert so as to preserve the integrity of China, and to prevent a conflagration, the limit of which no human mind would be able to foretell. Through this strong and able stroke, not only the powers at peace, but also those in war, will reap the great benefits, and it is to be hoped that the vast und increasing Chinese trade will develop undisturbed."

### TERRIFIC EXPLOSION 'N PARIS FACTORY

Many Asphyxiated and Then Incinerated—Fourteen Unidentified Dead.

Paris, Feb. 20.—An explosion occurred today in a factory in the Rue de Antone.
The explosion occurred in a room on the fourth story and drove bricks and pieces of glass against a house on the other side of the street and immediately afterwards consumer in the street and immediately other side of the street and immediately afterwards enormous jets of flame burst out of the windows. Soon the entire structure was on fire. Simultaneously with the appearance of the flames a number of men and women employed on the upper stories and who had been eating their luncheon, appeared at the windows and shricked for assistance. Three men attempted to drop from a window to a balcoury beneath, but missed it and fell to the pavement below and were killed. The firemen rescued several persons. When the flames were under control five victims were found in a corridor leading to the street. They hal been asphyxiated and then incinerated. In all founteen bodies, all unidentified were conveyed to the morgue, Five persons were badly burned, two may die.

HIS ACCOUNTS SHORT.

Seymour, Ind., Feb. 22.—Cyrus E. McCrady, cashier of the First National Bank, and treasurer of the Co-operative Building and Loan Association, has admitted his accounts are short with the two institutions. The amount is estimated to be \$14,500 with the bank, and \$13,000 with the Building and Loan Association. Mr. McCrady's property, valued at from \$15,000 to \$18,000, has been turned over to a trustee for his creditors. Both institutions are secured by bonds.

CAUGHT IN SPOKANE.

Spokane, Feb. 22.—John Thamer, wanted at Toronto, Outario, on a charge of forgery alleged to have been committed in 1901, has been captured in Spokane. He has consented to return without extradition. Thamer has been working in Spokane for nearly two years under an assumed name.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—John Shaver, arrested at Spokane according to the Associated Press Despatch, is wanted at Ayr, Out, charged with a forgery of \$2,000 or \$3,000 on the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Detective Rogers left tonight to get him.

The pension issue of the United States last year was the largest in 10% /ears; the issue for the first quarter of the present year exceeds the same period last year by 25 per cent.



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### **IEVING SHORTAGE** I FOOD AND FUEL

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dealers today again advanced dealers today again advanced dealers today again advanced of flour fifteen cents per barking a total of sixty-five cents ast month. The Montreal Master Association is keeping the pace, we increased the price of bread ts a large loaf. They say that goes to \$5.75, they will put on cent, and if it touches \$6 it increased by two cents more, crease is quite likely.

hermometer today touched 36 the highest point since Decem-

National Club will banquet the ministers March 7 at Palace otel. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is ex-



atisfaction of having the done early in the day, I done, belongs to every Sunlight Soap.

### The Germans As Colonizers

### PTALIANS FRIENDLY. Arrives From Rome, Feb. 22.—Foreign Min **Oriental Ports**

Rome, Feb. 22.—Foreign Minister Tittoni, answering a question in the Chamber of Deputies today in regard to the Far Eastern situation, said Italy maintains friendly relations with both the belligerent nations, having promised to observe neutrality and would do so. He protested against anti-Russian manifestations, "especially as negotiations on matters of vital importance to this country are taking place between Italy and Russia." It was presumed that Signor Tittoni referred to the commercial treaty which is being negotiated

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BROOKS—At Rossiand, on February 14th Geo, W. Brooks, aged 65 years. CAMBRON—At New Westminster, on Feb-ruary 17th, W. J. Cameion, aged 65 years.

the wife of L. A. Frets. of a daughter. MACFARLANE—At New Westminster, on February 18th, Mrs. M. J. MacFarlane, aged 72 years. O BRIEN-At New Westminster, on February 18th, C. O'Brien, aged 35 years. CRAWFORD—At Vancouver, on February 20th, Mrs. R. Crawford, aged 58 years.



T IS only a theatre programme ed in black letters on a pink graded and torn and bearing evidence of age and rough; It announces a performance at the toria Theatre for the benefit of Jenny Arnot, a bright young actrathed agy, by the Amateur Dramatis sociation of Victoria. The date is the entertainment was April 23rd, and I have an excellent reason for ling that the performance came of advertised because I was among who were present and witnessed it Amateur Dramatic Association composed of a number of gentl mostly English and not all young two or three times in each played in farce or light comedy for the desire of the played in farce or light comedy for the exort. The best actors in the astion were Charles Clarke and W. lingham, but the leading spirit, counsellor and manager was Ben Griffin, who presided over the I egang Inn on Langley alley, and with young days had acted in Aust Mr. Griffin, who was a very intelle man, had been liberally educated a once time filled a very important tion in an Australian bank. The married a bandsome young actress came to San Francisco in very days. On Kearney street, in that busting city of shacks and tents, Griffin opened the Boomerang which he conducted until the outlour of the gold fever on Fraser rive astories and opened it as the Boome In the fall of 1858 he became impressible boring it in sections to Vic and re-erected it on Langley alley wit stands to-day and is still know this Boomerang Inn, although two erations of owners have died or away since it was moved to its pre location. Mr. Griffin died in 1880 its was related of him that he no saw a railway or tram line. He London for Australia before railw invaded California, and he passed to other shore before the C. P. rail had reached this Coast. He was gether a remarkable man—clever which the amateur plays abounded v fathered by him and some of his perforts are still preserved in local sc books as mementores of the gay and tive times in this city.

was the recipient of many floral other presents. She took all things tame her way with an easy grace a a sort of I-deserve-them air that y surprising to see in one so young apparently inexperienced in the ways the world. But her heart for a lettime was impervious to every assa. On occasions when tile gir! was invito join a theatre party, to spend evening out or go to church, M Marsk was ever on hand to accompe her and look after her moral welfa. It was given out, or there was a taunderstanding, that the young lady win the market with matrimonial into only; and by degrees the number of a miners fell away until they marrow down to two or three. Presently it was amounced that Thos. Fowler, a clerk the hardware establishment of Fello & Roscoe, had proposed to Jemy Arrand had been accepted. Fowler was fine young fellow, an American, I lieve. He was in the receipt of a lar salary, was steady in his habits a popular with all classes. Miss Arrabad been acceived by a section of V tooria society whose hearts are ever op to admit those who make a brave effe to raise themselves from their surrounings however humble, and who endeav by following the straight path of du and virtue to attain an honorable potion in life. So it was understood the Dramatic Association were to be deven to the purchase of a fitting trousser for the purchase of a fitting trousser for the pretry little actress. About \$50 was paid over to Miss Arnot from the protest of the evening and she was eachled to procure a very handsome of it. The couple were duly married, pased their honeymoon on the Sound as on their return set up housekeeping in well-furnished cottage on Yates streenear. Douglas. Nearly everyone call on the bride and her amiability, modes and sweetness were favorably commer ed on. The bridegroom, too, seem proud of his choice and very fond of hittle wife. To her friends Mrs. Fowl amounted that she had left the staforever and intended to devote her litto domesticity and charitable work was received and entertained in a monospitable manner by

The newcomer had not been long her before she announced a performance is the theatre with such members of the damateur Dramatic Association as woul consent to take part with her, and with out any authority inserted the name of her sister on the bill. Mr. Fowler protested and his wife disclaimed all know edge of the intention of her sister t place her name among the performer. There were many scenes at the little cottage on Yates street, but the youn couple finally yielded to the entreaties of

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How a Happy Home Was Broken Up

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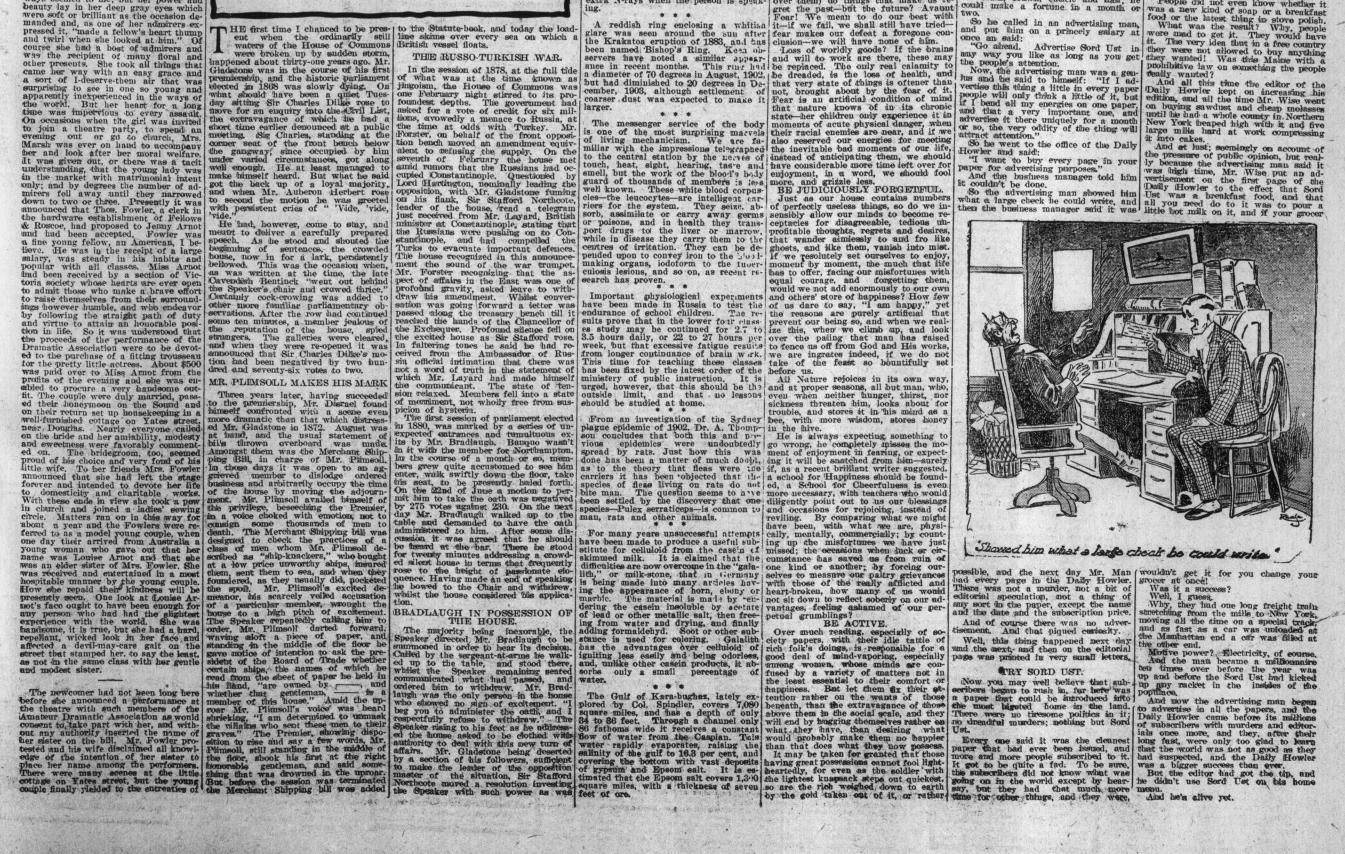
# Historic Scenes in the Commons

By HENRY W. LUCY, "Toby M. P." of Punch.

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aches a total of 105,000 tons, as compared with 77,000 tons at the end of 1902, and 59,000 tons at the end of 1901.

"COULDN'T STAND GRUB."

Entire Staff of Columbia River Dredge Go on Strike.

Twenty-one men, including all the deck crew and all the fire and engine room crews, with the exception of four, stropped work on the Columbia river dredge Chinook Monday afternoon and composite to Astoria. The men brought to Astoria. The men brought to Astoria. The men at the concerted action as soon as a said that all this and more can be accomplished. They say more can be accom



### Returns to The Atta

**Seattle Daily Times Renews** Assaults on Victoria Steamers.

**Amusing Absurdities Dished** For Special Seattle Consumption.

Seattle Daily Times on Friday everythished another article on the Vict Sound service, and it is even sillier it the first, which the Colonist quoted. arguments set forth and the incorrect sements made show that these articles the work of someone who is either sering misinformed or is deliberately perving the facts. The second of the Sea Times' attacks on the British boat is follows:

Times' attacks on the British boat is follows:
During the past twenty-four hours has developed that the business men y'ctoria have concluded to make it peasant for any American steams company operating boats between Stle and Victoria, believing that tour are induced to remain in Seattle, coma and other Sound ports, and the city across the Straits is discrinated against.

It was for that reason that the adian Pacific Railway Company was fon by Victoria citizens to place the steams Princess Beatrice on the same schedule the vessels operated by the Puget So Navigation Company. They pointed to the officers of the company that if opposition boat was on the run excurs travel to Victoria would be encouraged the local agents of the company and v toria would be advertised as one of most popular pleasure resorts on Cocat.

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By reaching such a conclusion the biness minds of the British Columbia chave made a great mistake. Since the American vessels have been on the voria run special rates have been offer during the summer months, and the office of the Puget Sound Navigation Compa long ago made arrangements with the tracontinental lines whereby tickets are setthroughout the Eastern cities direct victoria. Connections are made in Seat with the hosts of the

slrous of making the trip to Victoria an other British Columbia cities because the like the idea of leaving the United States They consider they are taking a trip abroacm a small scale.

Since the American steamship companie have hal vessels on the Victoria run the rate between Seattle has been much lower than the esablished fare on the Canadiar boats between Victoria and Vancouver The fare to Victoria is \$2 one way and each Saturday and Sunday during the summe months one fare for the round trip is of fered to induce tourist travel to British Golumbia.

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For years the fare on the British boat running out of Victoria to Vancoucer has been \$2.50 for passage one way. It is as serted that there has never been any deviation from the established price. The distance between Victoria and Vancouver is much shorter than the route traveled by the American vessels.

American vessels offer the tourists more advantages than the British bottoms, for the reason that stops are made at Port Townsend and often Port Angeles is included in the day's run. There is more encouragement for tourists to make the trip when several stops are included than it is to sail directly across the Straits.

It is out of the question for the Puget Scund Navigation Company to change the present schedule of the Whatcom on account of government mail contracts. The people of Victoria are clamoring for a night and day boat, and it is now understood that the officials of the Canadian l'acidic Railway Company will be requested to place the Princess Beatrice on a night schedule out of Seattle, giving the neigh-

tween two American ports. The local Mer-chants' Association has joined sides with Stattle's shipping interests and the outcome will be watched with interest.

THEIR AREA AND POPULATION. Russia Has Three Times as Many People as Japan.

The area of the Russian Empire, including Manchuria, is 9,020,000 square miles, so that it comes next to the British Empire in extent among the great powers. The population is 135,000,000, including Manchuria. The revenue is £207,000,000, and the expenditure the same.

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There are large reserve funds in the treasury, on paper, at all events, totaling about £50,000,000, while a sum of £92,000,000 is kept in gold in the state bank. The treasure of the church, which is said to be worth a £100,000,000, or even more, could be utilized in any great national emergency.

The area of Japan is 160,000 square miles, including Formosa, or one third larger than the area of the United Kingdom, standing 45,000,000 in 1900, and

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o, Feb. 20.—The special grand amoned to investigate the Irocatre fire and the charges made persons directly connected with edy of December 30th, comsidators touight by voting insagainst five men and no bills four others. The formal reportary will not be made public until seday, who were indicted are Will J. art owner of the Iroquois theatomas Noonen, business manager seatre, and James E. Cummins, apenter, all of whom are with manslaughter; George, city building commissioner, and Laughlin, city building incharged with culpable omission I duty in office. Ils" were voted against Mayor, Fire Marshal Musham. Firelliam H. Sellers and William H, operator of the flood light, the indictments were voted into the formulated.



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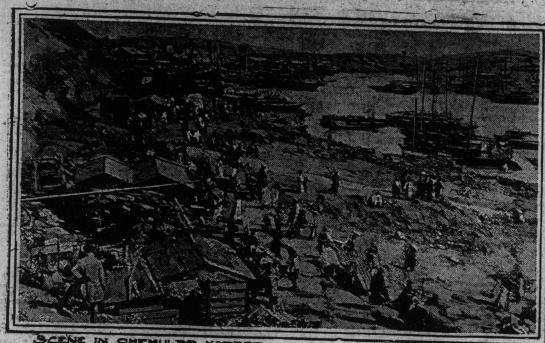
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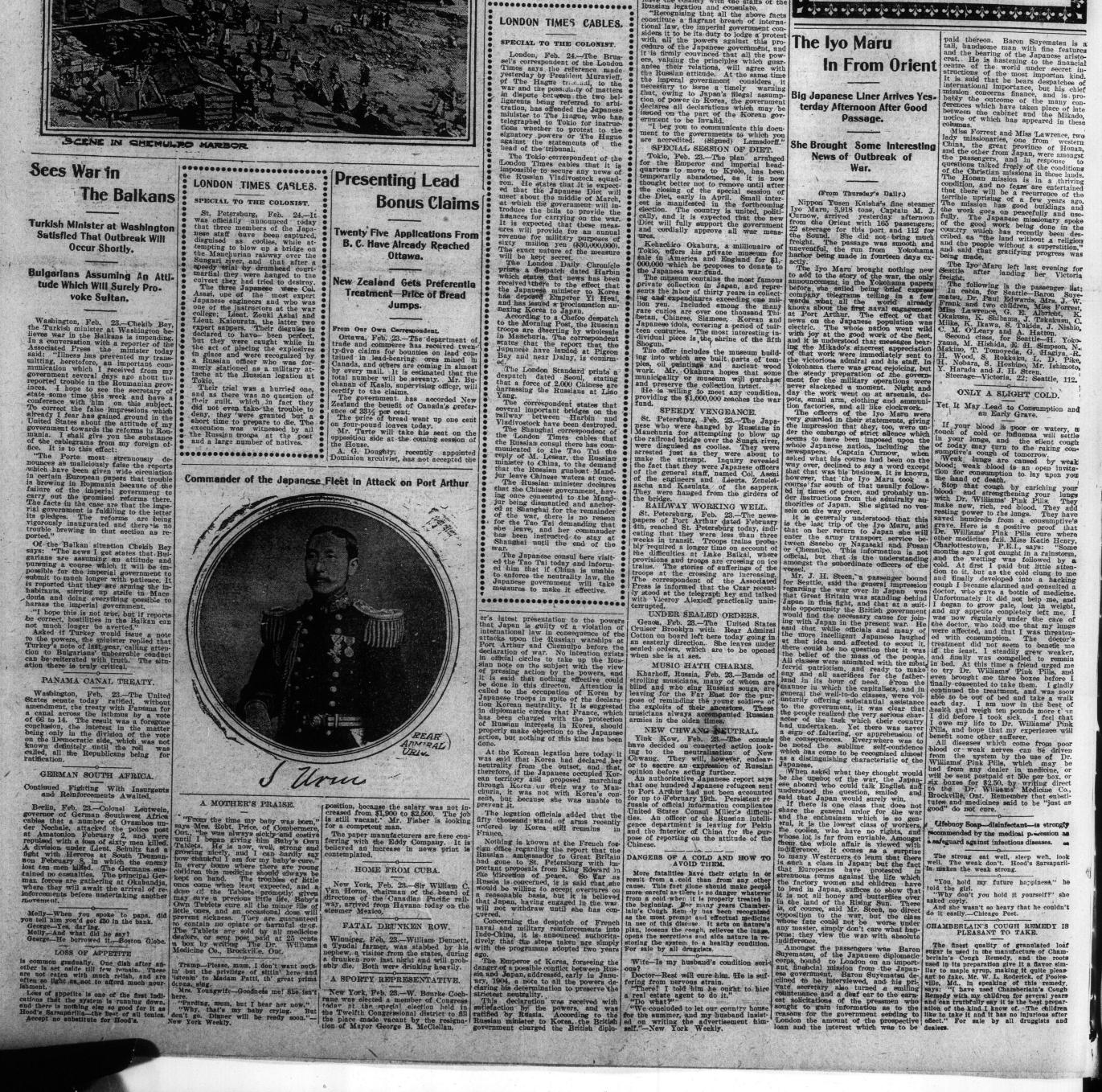
## Russia Is 40,000 JAPANESE LAND

Another Army Debarks at Chemulpo And Panic at Seoul Heralds Near Approach of The Opposing Forces.

on, Feb. 24.—The Chefoo correst of the Morning Post, under ay's date, says 40,000 more Japtroops have landed at Chemulpo, at he had received confirmation report that some Japanese have at Pigeon Bay, others at Tallienand that an engagement occurred enight of February 12. correspondent at Seoul of the Mail reports a panie at Ping Korea, which is regarded as here the approach of the opposing s.

# Japanese Landing Place in Korea.





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fore the opening of hostilities, the Japanese captured as prizes of war certain Russian merchant ships in neutral ports of Korea.

"Fourth—Japan declared to the Emperor of Korea, through the Japanese minister at Seoul, that Korea would henceforth be under Japanese administration, and she warned the Emperor, in case of his non-compliance, Japanese troops would carry the place.

"Fifth—Through the French minister at Seoul she summoned the Russian representative at the Korean court to leave the country with the staffs of the Russian legation and consulate.

"Recognizing that all the above facts constitute a flagrant breach of international law, the imperial government considers it to be its duty to lodge a protest with all the powers against this procedure of the Japanese government, and it is firmly convinced that all the powers, valuing the principles which guarantee their relations, will agree with the Russian attitude. At the same time the imperal government considers, it necessary to issue a timely warning that, owing to Japan's illegal assumption of power in Korea, the government declares all declarations which may be issued on the part of the Korean government to the governments to which you are accredited. (Signed) Lamsdorff."

SPECIAL SESSION OF DIET.

Tokio, Feb. 23.—The plan arranged for the Emperor and imperial headquarters to move to Kyolo, has been temporarily abandoned, as it is now thought better not to remove until after the closing of the special session of the blue, early in April. Small interest is manifested in the fortheoming election. The country is united, politically, and it is expected that the new Diet will fully support the government and cordially support the government and cordially approve all war measures.

Kehachiro Okahura, a millionaire of Tokio. refers his private museum for

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# The Iyo Maru

paid thereon. Baron Suyematsu is at tall, handsome man with fine features and the bearing of the Japanese aristocrat. He is hastening to the financial centre of the world under secret instructions of the most importan kind. It is said that he bears despatches of international importance, but his chief mission concerns finance, and is probably the outcome of the many conferences which have taken place of late between the cabinet and the Mikado, notice of which has appeared in these columns.

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### STORIES OF RESCU

Survivors of the Que **Port Townsend** ing Exp

and ne was very nervous in dressing but thanks to the coolness of Mr. Walker himself and kindly counsel by Mr Walker the young fellow calmed down and eventually was induced to dress fully. His sister, one of the lost, occupied the next room and was also alarmed

The captain was sleeping at the time of the discovery of the fire, but on hearing the news, as already stated in the telegraphic despatch, at once came on deck, dressed in his pajamas only, and there he remained thirdy clad as he was until all danger was over which puret have been for nearly six and a hal hours.

The first thing done was to lower three boats, which were ordered to patrol the ship, presumably in case of any panic among the passengers who might jump overboard and the wisdom of this course was subscountly abundantly exemplisoually saved seven of the passengers from boat No. 6 which was in spite of the heroic efforts of the crew, of waiters, two of whom were drowned, stove

After the three patrol boats had been got out the fire signal was given. Mr. Walker thinks it was four blasts of the whistle and every man was at once in his place. There was very little excitement and no panic, but at first there was a slight mineral state. ment and no panic, but at first there was a slight mix-up on account of it being necessary to both lower boats and fight fire. The women and children were the first taken care of and as each boat was lowered the crew of that boat took their places. After the boat had been examined by an officer to see that the plugs and appurtenances were all O. K., and with no flurry the women and children were put in and the boat carefully lowered and not allowed into the water until just at the right moment when the ship was down on the side from which the boats were being lowered. Any gentlemen who wished to go with his wife was at liberty to go, and to show the coolness and utter absence of panic, one lady on getting into the boat, came to the conclusion she had not sufficient wraps and stepped out of the boat and were force was seeped out of the boat and were force was seeped out of the boat and were force was seeped out of the boat and were force was seeped out of the boat and were force was seeped out of the boat and were force was seeped out of the boat and were force was seeped out of the boat and were force was seeped out of the boat and were force was seeped out of the boat and were force was seeped out of the boat and were force was seeped out of the boat and were force was seen and were ficient wraps and stepped out of the boat and went for more and came back and took her place, nobody dreaming of usunying it.

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All boats were ordered to keep near to the burning steamer, and had it not been for the unfortunate accidents by which two of the boats were stove in by contact with the vessel there would have been but a very small loss of life. The other boat which was lost was manned by sailors and firemen and all were drowned.

The average number of people placed in each of the boats was about eighteen, including the crew. The only passenger drowned in No. 6 lifeboat was the sister of Mr. Walker's roommate, Mr. Steingr. Three passengers were drowned from the other boat, which Mr. Walker thinks was No. 4.

In the meantime passengers and crew. thinks was No. 4.

In the meantime passengers and crew were fighting the fire which had assumed alarming proportions; some with the hose and some with Babcock extinguishers. These were found to be most useful and were instrumental in a great measure in putting out the flames.

The fire workers were operating both from below and above and axes were used from above to break the deck so that the hoses could be used to the very best advantage.

Some of the passengers, among whom was Mr. Walker, were directed by Capt. Cousins to launch the liferafts, as there was only one boat left on the