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# e Semi-Weekly Colonist.

VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1904.

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR.

## **Fight With** Desperadoes

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London Ontario Detectives Attempt an Arrest and Free Fight Ensues.

In Fusilade one of the Bandits Close Call.

Supposed That One of the Worst Gang of Burglars Has Been Broken Up.

Walkerville, Ont., Feb. 17.—Rull re-turns in East Bruce give Donnelly (Con-servative), a majority of 171.

JACK FROST SUPREME. Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Every public school in this city was closed to-day by reason of the intense cold. The ground is frozen to a depth of five feet, many water pipes being frozen. Railroad traffic is stalled.

CIVIC OWNERSHIP.

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* The Boyarin Sunk

Tokio, Feb. 18.—It is the belief of the navy department that the Russian second-class cruiser Boyarin was torpedoed and sunk by the destroyer Haytori in the torpedo attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur last Sunday morning. Lieutenant Commander Tokenouchi did not know the name of the vessel struck by a torpedo discharged by the Haytori, but the navy department has since learned from other sources that it was the Boyarin.

A despatch from St. Petersburg, dated February 16th, stated that the Boyarin was blown up with a loss of 197 officers and men on February 13th by a mine, which it accidentally struck.

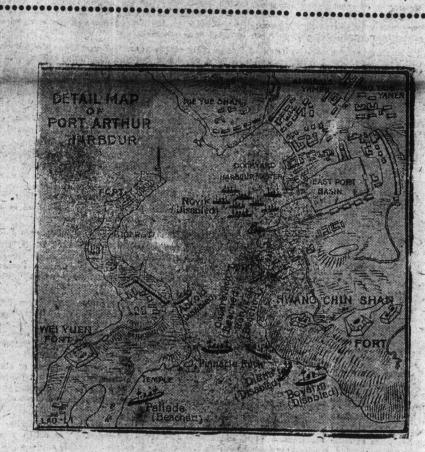
## **Delimitation Of** Alaska Boundary

Ottawa Official and U.S. Geological Surveyor Appointed to Make Delimitation.

Japanese Consul Nosse Will Consult the Government as to B. C. Act.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The Supreme-court today granted the appeal of Seryt-at-Arms Payson, of Nova Scotia, who was mulcted in damages by the court below for ejecting Mrs. Hubert from the Legislative building. A new trial

Japanese Destroyers Made a Midnight Descent on Port Arthur And in Spite of Fierce Gale and Fire From The Forts Succeeded In Reaching The Enemy.



Plan of Port Arthur, Showing Position of Disabled Warships. 

LONDON, Feb, 18.—The Japanese Legation officially confirms the report that the Japanese torpedoed two Russian Warships at Port Arthur last Sunday morning.

Application of the control of the co CHEFOO, Feb, 18.—The Port Arthur-Chebo cable was cut yesterday.

London, Feb. 17.—In a despatch dated Port Arthur, February 13th, a correspondent of the Times gives a description of seven Russian warships, which he says are lying disabled there. They included the battleships Sebastopol and Petropavlovsk, which have not been named in the previous report of the action. The correspondent says that altogether eleven Russian ships were put out of action at Port Arthur.

Continuing, he declares that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kinchau, near New Chwang, after a skirmish in which 150 Japanese were taken prisoners and 70 Russians killed.

In an editorial article the Wings

A Lurid Report

In an editorial article the Trues remarks that as this correspondent does not mention the injuries sustained by the battleships and the Kinchau story has not been reported from any other source. It would be well to accept his reports with some reserve.

Centenarian Senator Will Be Honored on Arrival at Ottawa.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Completed.

The Senate lobbies.

The government has been advised from England that flour and foodstuffs are not contraband of war.

An Ottawa locomotive engineer has been offered sixteen dollars a day to go to Siberia as driver on the trans-Siberian railway, but he declined with the second annual convention of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, which will assemble in this city on Monday next, does not prove the big success which is anticipated, the fault will not lie at the hands of the executive of the Victoria Branch for that body is using every effort to make the affair the event of the year. Last night a joint meeting of the executive and a sub-committee of the Tourist Association was held in Market and the affair the event of the year. Last night a joint meeting of the executive and a sub-committee of the Tourist Association was held in Market and the committee of the Tourist Association was held in Market and the Senate lobbies.

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Ash Wednesday was observed as a boliday in the public buildings.

The customs department is closely watching American importations of surplus goods now entered at undervaluation.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Rear Admirate Evans, commenting on the United States Asiatic station, today transmitted to the American navy department a cable gram from Commander States.

## Agree to The **Amendments**

Government and Grand Trunk Pacific Directorate Reach An Understanding.

Details Will Not Be Known Until Shareholders Ratify.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—A movement is on foot for holding a big military tournament in Ottawa on the 25th of May. It is proposed to invite several corps from the United States.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—Railway traffic today was badly laid out by yesterday's snowstorm and gale of wind that followed it. Trains were all late, if not entirely cancelled. A new record was made here today, when the maritime express of the Intercolonial railway pulled in twenty-nine hours' late. Without exception railwaymen pronounce this the worst winter in the history of railroadig in Canada.

The Mining

Convention

Preparations For Big Gathering of Mining Men Nearly

Completed.

It is announced that the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific director are exached an agreement in reference to the amendments to be submitted to parliament at the coming session. A memorandum must first be rathified by the shareholders of the Grand Trunk parliament will be in session before the particulars of the amendments will be known to the public.

The one hundredth anaiversary of the birth of Senator Ward takes place on Friday next. When the Senator arrives in Ottawa parliament will take occasion to record the fact that, included in their number is the oldest legislation in the world. Mr. J. Collin Foobes, the well-known Canadian artist, has, at the instance of the Senate, painted a honored place amongst the portraits of Mr. Ward, and it will find an honored place amongst the portraits whach are to be seen on the walls or the Senate lobbies.

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## Fire's Great

The Berlin Felt Boot Company's Large Establishment Goes Up In Smoke.

Department Was Powerless and Flames Left to Complete Their Work.

Loss Will Exceed One Hundred and Seventy Five.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 16.-One of the Berlin, Ont., Feb. 16.—One of the most disastrous conflagrations in Ber lin's history occurred this evening, when a large four-storey building of the Berlin Felt Boot Company, the largest of the kind in the Dominion, was burned to the ground. The fire was discovered in the spinning and carding room on the first floor about 6:45 and no time was lost in getting the fire brigade out, but owing to the severity of the weather and low pressure and a strong wind, very little could be done to save the structure. The fire raged for over two hours and a batt and is still burning.

The Waterloo fire brigade arrived about 8 o'clock to render assistance. Pieces of the burning embers were carried for a mile. The fire was quite visible at the distance of six miles morth. The loss is estimated by George Rumpel, one of the proprietors, at \$175,000: insurance between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The industry employed about 200 hands and was established thirty years ago, and was known from Victoria to Haiffax.

### •••••••• To Checkmate England

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—
Lieut.-General Ivanoff, governorgeneral and commander of the
troops in Turkestan, has gone to
Tashdend with General Sakbasioff, chief of the staff of the
anilitary district. It is said in
high military circles that General
Ivanoff has been instructed to
propare for the contingency of
military action in the direction of
India in the event of Great Britain adopting an attitude openly
mostifle to Russia or attempting
to prejudice Russian interests in
Persia or Thibet.

## THE IRREPRESSIBLE IRISH MEMBERS

William Redmond Resents Statement as to New York



# Destruction FIRST DESCRIPTIVE STORY OF BATTLE AT PORT ARTHUR

An Eyewitness of The First Action of the War Succeeds in Getting Through The Russian Lines at Port Arthur And Sends an Uncensored Description of the Attack by The Japanese Fleet.

## The Mobilizing

Of Japan's Army

Three Hundred Thousand Soldiers at Bases Ready For Embarkation.

Task Carried Out With Great Precision and in Perfect Secrecy.

Nagasaki, Feb. 12, via Shanghai, Feb. 15.—The mobilization of the Japanese army has been carried out methodically. It is estimated that 300,000 troops are now ready to be placed in the field without impairing the national defence. The movements of the troops are surrounded in secrecy. They are being moved at night toward their bases at Sasebo, Kurea, Mojui and Yokosuka, and the dights of ordinary trains are extinguished when in the neighborhood of troop trains.

Russian Barbarity Special to Colonist.

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Hakodate, Saturday, Feb. 13.—
Intense indignation is felt at the action of four Russian cruisers in sinking the little steamer Nakinour Maru. The latter had stopped and hauled down her flag and all her crew and passengers, had gone below, but the Russian ships surrounded her and kept firing, and finally fired a torpedo into her, sinking her. No attempt was made to rescue her crew or passengers, who numbered thirty-three.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE COLONIST.

London, Monday, Feb. 15.—The Daily Mail has just received the following uncensored details of the first bat-

"Yeenhow (New Chwang), Wednesday Morning, Feb. 10.—I have just reached here by special train from Port Arthur, and to save time have written my account while traveling on a locomotive. There was no other method of getting out of Port Arthur or of transmitting a message of this length, as since the bombardment, on Tuesday, no seels have been permitted to leave the harbor, and the railway telegraphs are reserved for the exclusive use of Russian officials. There were only four special correspondents present at the bombardment, Reuter's representative, two foreign correspondents and myself; unfortunately one of them was wounded.

"About midnight on Monday the town was roused by the firing of big guns. I hastened up the hill on which the main battery is situated, and saw that six Japanese torpedo boats had approached within half a mile of the Russian fleet, and were showing lights, funnels and signals just like those of the Russians.

"The Japanese torpedo boats crept quite close to the Russian ships. Before being discovered each of the Japanese boats discharged torpedoes, three of which took effect, striking the battleships Tsarevich, cruiser Pallada. The three damaged ships returned to the harbor entrance to avoid sinking. "Notwithstanding the continuous fire from the ships and forts, four of the Japanese torpedo boats escaped; , however, sunk and another, in a sinking condition, was deserted by her crew and afterwards captured by the

"I saw several Japanese cruisers in the distance. The remainder of the fleet was still farther off, lying eastward, showing searchlights. After the retiring of the Japanese torpedo boats, the Russian cruiser squadron. eastward, showing searchights. After one returned of the Japanese corpers boats, the Russian cruiser squadron, under Admiral Prince Moktompsky, followed to investigate, and then returned. The action ceased at 3 a.m. The loss on the Russian ships was eight killed and twenty wounded. Apart from the disablement of the three Russian ships, the damage done to the fleet and the fort is not very great. There are many Russian torpedo boat destroyers in the harbor, but they were not ready to resist an attack. The Japanese, in fact, created a great deal of surprise, only by their unexpected onslaught, but by the promptness and bravery with which they acted.

"On Tuesday morning the news arrived from Dalny that the Japanese fleet was steering westward in attack formation. It came in sight about 11 o'clock. There were in all fifteen ships in two lines of battle, six battleformation. It came an signat about 11 o cook. There were in an inteen sin ps in two these of battle, six battle ships, six first-class cruisers and three second-class cruisers. The Russiane had outside thirteen large vessels under Admiral Stark in the flagship Petropavlovpski, and Rear-Admiral Prince Mok tompsky in the flagship Peresviet, excluding the Pallada, the Tsarevitch, the flagship of Rear-Admiral Mollas, and the Rethvisan, which were lying

"The action was commenced by the big guns of the land battery. The morning was dull with a light wind, and the heavy smoke rendered it difficult to observe the details of the action, but I witnessed all that was possible from Beacon Hill, opposite the entrace to the harbor, in the line of fire, Two shells fell near us and about twenty others fell in the old town and the western harbor, where many steamers flying neutral flags were anchored. commencement of the action all the people fled towards the hill outside the town and got under its pro-

"A little while after this the first shell, a big 12-inch one, exploded, smashing the office fronts of Guensberg's Yalu Concessions Company and the Russo-Chinese Bank. The streets were then entirely deserted, but the local police kept splendid order. There was no looting, and the women and children were very brave. Regiments from the adjoining barracks and camps came pouring through the town to take up defensive positions in the event of the Japa-

"The Japanese warships steamed slowly past in line of battle to the westward and about four miles off, each vessel beginning to fire when opposite the Russian ships, which were two miles off shore. The action now became general. There was no manoeuvring, simply heavy, fast firing on both sides. I counted over 300 shells, a few of which reached the mark. Others did not explode during the action. Several merchant steamers outside in the roads moved their position, but none were allowed to leave their auchorage in the harbor.

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war stracking Pore Arthur week a number of American naval officials. This caused something akin to a feeling of consternation among the Russian officers.

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San Francisco, Feb. 15.—George Morgan, a nephew of J. Pierpont Morgan, a nephew of J. Pi

Wirings From Ottawa City

First Batch of New Rifles Completed and Will Be Issued

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Capital's Leading Citizens Pay High Compliment to Ex-Mayor Cook.

rom Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Sir Charles Ross, of Quebec, is in the city today, and says the first batch of new rifles from his factory are completed. Shipments will be sent to the militia and Mounted Police departments.

A meeting of the city council and a representative delegation of citizens, headed by Sir Sandford Fleming, presented to the city corporation a portrait, in oil, of ex-Mayor Cook, painted by J. Colin Forbes. This was a spontaneous offering of the citizens of Obtawa to mark the resigning mayor's two

Russians After Japs Special to Colonist Wei Hai Wei, Saturday, Feb.
13.—Two Japanese battleships,
four cruisers are cruising outside
here. A German vessel, which
was looking on, was chased.

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Chefoo, Saturday, Feb. 13.—
Four Russian battleships and three cruisers left Port Arthur yesterday in search for the Japanese squadron, which was reported south on Wednesday night and seen at a distance from Chefoo. The captain of a British steamer passed a German vessel, the Thetis, some way out from Wei Hai Wei, and saw her later take a course contrary to her former one and signal. The seven warships then turned back to Chefoo.

....... New regulations regarding the free entry of returned packages and coverings and of articles of Canadian growth, produce or manufacture, returned after exportation, have been issued by the department of customs.

LIBERAL NOMINATED. Welland, Ont., Feb. 15.—Monck Liberals have nominated F. A. Ross, Welland Port, as a candidate for the House

PILLS KILL GIRLS.

Bracebridge, Ont., Feb. 15.—Two little girls, aged four and five, daughters of Samuel McMurray, of Vankoughnet, are dead from eating proprietary pills in the absence of their parents.

CAPE COLONY ELECTIONS. Progressive Party Has Secured Major-ity of Five Over Africander Bund.

Cape Town, Feb. 15.—The parliamentary elections just held in Cape Colony have resulted in a Progressive majority of five over the Africander Bund. The final figures are Progressive 50, and Bund 45 members. PREPARING FOR HOT TIME.

R. L. Borden Resting Preparatory to Opening of Parliament.

Gallatin, Mo., Feb. 15.—Leo Deford, cashier of the Bank of Alta, Mont., which failed last month, following his disappearance when a warrant for his arrest charging him with using \$20,000 of the bank's funds was issued, surrendered here today.

FATAL FAMILY QUARREL. New York, Feb. 15.-Frank Bartrenk

## Conservatives **Are Victorious**

St. John City Captured By Turn Over of Twelve Hun dred Votes.

Liberal Majorities Are Whittled Down in Every Constituency.

Yesterday's Bye-Elections Indicate a Turning of the Tide.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 16.—Eight byeelections to fill vacancies in the House
of Commons were held today, resulting
as follows:

East Lambton—Armstrong (Conservative), elected over Jenkins (Liberal), by
550 majority. At the last election in
this constituency Oliver Simmons (Conservative), was elected by a majority
of 221.

East Bruce—Donnelly (Conservative),
is elected over Robb (Liberal), by 150
majority. The Conservative majority
at the last election was 43.

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the last election was 665.

In St. Hiacinthe, Blauchet (Liberal),
is elected over Tache (Conservative),
by 195 majority. The Liberal majority
at the last election was 1.111.

In Montmagny, Lavergne (Liberal),
is elected over Romsseau (Conservative), by 300 majority, At the last
election the Liberal majority was 213.

In St. John, N. B., N. B. Daniels
(Conservative), was elected over McKeowm (Liberal), by 285 majority. This

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Up To France.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Admiral Wirenuz has been instructed to hold the Russian squadron, consisting of the battleship Ozlabya, the cruisers Aurora and Demitrie Donzkoi and a number of torpedo boat destroyers at Jibuttil, Freuch Somaliland until further orders.

Paris, Feb. 16.—The stopping of the Russian squadron at Jibuttil may lead to international complications, Jibuttil being a neutral French port. It is understood France is not likely to ask the squadron to leave.

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### LORD ROBERTS SENDS RESIGNATION

Retires From the War Office and is Succeeded By Connaught.

London, Feb. 15.—It is officially an-counced that Lord Roberts has retired from the War Office, but, at the special request of Premier Balfour, he has consented to place his services at the disposal of the committee for imperial

Efferce.
The Duke of Connaught has been appointed inspector-general under the new army reform scheme. PRINTER IN TROUBLE.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 15.—War-

Pneumonia is second only to consumption in the number of deaths which it causes and like consumption always has its beginning with a cold. At this season you can scarcely glance over a paper without seeing the record of several deaths from this dread dis-

New York, Feb. 15.—Frank Bartrenk shot and killed his wife Rosie at his shot and killed his wife Rosie at his some here today, shot and seriously wounded his stepson, Vincent Horonick, and then committed suicide by shooting in himself. The murderer had had trouble with his wife and through a court order she was to leave the house. She had returned today for some effects when the triple crime was committed.

The French minister of war, General Andre, is one of the most abused men in France, because of his recently announced purpose to promote equality in the ranks of the army. To further this object he has recently abolished the custom of "presenting arms" as a mark of respect. He is accused of fostering socialism in the French ranks and of deliberately following out the policy of realigious and political persecution. He condemned to two years' hard service in the ranks 60 polytechnic students who rebelled against the severity of an examination. General Andre is a great favorite with the common sold'er. He began life in the army as a lleutenant in the imperial guard.

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## London Is Still Guessing

Conflicting Reports From Fa East Throw Little Light on Matters.

Tokio Has Not Received Detailed Account of Battle at Port Arthur.

London, Feb. 16.—The despatche from the Far East contain numerous un confirmed and conflicting rumors, amounthem a report of another engagement at Port Arthur in which the Russian lost eight vessels sunk and ten cap

lost eight vessels sunk and ten captured.

A correspondent of the Daily Mail who witnessed the engagement off Port Arthur, confirms previous accounts of the fight and asserts again that one Japamese torpedo boat was stank and amother deserted by its crew in a sinking condition. It was subsequently captured by the Russians.

He says also that the Japamese lost one hattleship and had one cruiser put out of action, and the colonel of the Fifth Russian regiment was killed by a shell during the bombardment.

Cathegrams to the Daily Mail from Wei-Hai-Wei and New Clavang report a Japamese fleet, with transports, cruising in the Gulf of Pechili, apparently with the idea of effecting a landing near Port Dalny.

In connection with the rumors of another bombardment of Port Arthur, the owners of the British steamer Foxton Hall, which was detained by the Russians at Port Arthur, have received news that she has been destroyed by fire.

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Chinese Unrest

Special to Colonist.

New Chwang, Friday, Feb. 12.

Great unrest prevails along the Chinese railway and an attack is being planned. All the Chinese regular troops were removed yeserday to the sonthward around Pekin. Another coup de etat is being planned as a protest by the reform party against the Chinese government's inactivity and refusal to assist the Japanese. It is learned from undoubted Chinese sources that a fleet of Japanese transports is in the Gulf of Pechili, waiting to land somewhere between Dalny and Kinchow bay.

February 12th a correspondent of the Pimes says that the Russlan Vladivo-Times says that the Russlan Vladivo-stock squadron is still in the eastward of Tsguru Strait, the eastern exit being of Isgurn Strat, the eastern exit being guarded by torpedoes.

Tokio, Feb. 15.—The Japanese minister at Washington has officially advised his government that he is receiving offers of large contributions to the war fund from Americans, and requests instructions. It is considered probable that Japan will refuse to accept this aid.

The cabinet will consider the question and formally instruct the minister shortly.

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Many applications fer permission to enlist in the Japanese army and navy are coming from various parts of the world. All these applications have been refused, and no foreigners will be allowed to participate in the military or mayal operations of Japan except as spectators.

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At a meeting of newspaper men and commercial men today it was resolved to support the government irrespective of party lines. Those present at the meeting approved the proposed plan of curtailing the domestic administration expenses and applying this amount thus saved to the war fund. A plan will be devised for the relief of disabled soldiers and sailors. The meeting also agreed to send a letter of congratulation to Vice Admiral Togo.

A detailed report of his battle at Port Arthur has not been received from Vice Admiral Togo by the Navy department and the public is as yet without the full particulars of the engagement. A letter from one of the men who par A letter from one of the men who par-ticipated in the naval fight says that the torpedo attack succeded through a clever feint. The majority of the torpedo ves-sels manoeuvred in front of the Russian line and held its attention while the rest

line and held its attention while the rest worked around to the rear and got close to the enemy before being discovered, when they fired their destructive missiles and got out of range.

No further news of the Russian Vladivostock fleet has been received here. It is thousant to haye returned to the port of Vladivostock in preference to risking a fight or exhausting its fuel.

Enormous military activity continues, but the government carefully conceals its plans. Every moment of delay helps the Russians to become better prepared for a conflict. The Japanese apparently are unconcerned. They fully realize that the limited capacity of the Transsiblerian railway, the distance of the Russians from their base of supplies and lack of communication by sea sets limitations on the proposed accomplish-

Siberian railway, the distance of the Russians from their base of supplies and lack of communication by sea sets limitations on the proposed accomplishments of Russia in Manchuria. They feel that no danger attaches in that quarter and are awaiting the completton of Japan's naval programme.

Marquis Ito today gave the Associated Press a written expression of his sentineurs towards the American people, as follows: "It is with profound satisfaction that I see so many symptoms of spontaneous sympathy with which the free-thinking people of your great nation seem to watch the present crisis. In my opinion, it was evident that Russia's fligh-hunded expansion towards the hegemony of the East, combined with her recent strenuous military efforts hereabouts, has been becoming a daily menage to our future safety and peaceful existence. Either to enter into cordial and durable understanding with her, cleanly defining and mutually recognizing the respective spheres of interests and binding her thereby to a certain amount of self-restraint in the future, or else to have recourse to measures for safeguarding our future independence, cre it was too late, was the drastic different allernative, and we have sacrificed much energy, time and many oportundities for the sake of peace. Having failed, however, there remains no other way for us but to stand up in defence of our future safety and our own future and the sake of peace and civilization. No trace of race prejudices, no smack of revenage, of Chauvinism, nothen but the cool reason of state, necessary and self-preservation influenced Japans' action."

Washington, Feb. 15.—What the Russians have accomplished at Harbin, the great inland metropolis of Manchuria, is told in a report to the American state department by Mr. Miller, the American to the commendation of the fruits of the commendation of the creation of the creatio

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Thomas Poe of Rushville, Ind., elebrated his 92nd birthday. He tive and attends to his duties of the peace with regularity lecisions are regarded through-

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buildings, schools, hospitals and banks, etc. Nothing is found there from the Uniteu States, and one is not seriously impressed with the statement that under Russian occupation American exports to Manchuria will increase.

From Satis

DOUBLE-HEADER WRECKED. One Engine in the Ditch and Seven Cars Off the Track at Holmfield.

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## Into Clallam Wreck

Decision in Full of the Board of U. S. Inspectors Who Conducted Investigation.

**Evidence Of Many Witnesses Is** 

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"We find that the Clallam was well and properly equipped with pumps of the best construction, hilgs strainers and suction pipes properly and conveniently placed.

"The amount of water which entered and sank the ship, and the time consumed in doing so, justifies the conclusion, and all the evidence tends to show and results prove that said pumps were not handled in an efficient meanner, and we find that the primary cause which led to the sinking of the Clallam was neglect on the part of the chief engineer: neglect in not at tending to and keeping the bilges under control; neglect in not notifying the bilge was beyond control, and into the bilge was beyond control, and incompetency in not improvising means to keep the pumps in operation.

"We are of the opinion that Capt. Roberts erred in not having an officer of this ship in the second and third boats. That he did not attempt to take his ship to the nearest shelter, by giving explicit orders to the master of the Holyoke, we believe was an error.

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"Unspector of Boilers."

"Over were commenced in the Seattle courts on Friday by parties who were married in British Columbia. On grounds of cruelty, Margaret Murry has begun suit for divorce from George K. Murry. The plaintiff sets out in her complaint that she was married to the defendant at New Westminster in 1885, and that he has persevered during their married life in a course of abuse and villification which has uow become unbearable. Frederick Strong has also begun suit for divorce from Elizabeth Anna Strong on the ground of descrition, The couple were married in Enderby, B. (C., in 1890. There are two sons, of whom the father asks the custody.

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The cow jumped over the moon,
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—Nursery Rhym NE morning in the month of February, 1860, there appeared in Victoria paper's advertising counns a notice which ran thus:
'At the instance of Mr. John Colba writ was yesterday issued from the Supreme Court against Dr. Balfour this city. The writ alleges slander of the part of the defendant and the dar ages asked are heavy."

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The appearance of the advertisemer set all tongues wagging and every me and woman and, for the matter of tha every child who was old enough to un derstand what a suit at law meant, we anxious to know what it was all about Colber, was a sturdy Scotch Writer the Signet (which I believe means the same as barrister here), of about 4 years and had a wife some ten year his senior. When asked for an explanation he shook his head and said, "Grand ask the doctor—he knows." The doctor when appealed to professed ig norance of having given cause for the

doctor when appealed to professed ig norance of having given cause for the action and appeared to be as much puzzled as the community in general. It the burning desire for information Mrs Colber was asked. She was a little Englishwoman, of quick, nervous action black snappy eyes, and a tongue—as old Willis Boud, the famed colored orator who once came under its lash, expressed it—"dat cuts bof ways like a knife." Mr. and Mrs. Colber had arrived at Victoria by ship from Australia in 1859. They had some money and built themselves a small shack on Langley street, which auswered the double purpose of a law office and a residence. Mrs. Colber immediately began to assert herself as a social leader. She gave little teas (then quite an innovation—and tea was not the only beverage served) which the "best" people attended and at one of which it was decided to form a sort of social guild for the purpose of ascertaining who was who—dividing the sheep from the goats, weeding the society list, so to speak—and admitting only those whose records were unimpeachable to the circle. It was felf that in the hurry and bustle of strangers arriving and settling here some very undesirable persons had succeeded in imposing themselves upon society and were carrying their heads high, when, were the truth known, they should hang them very low. About this time a ball was arranged to be held at the Hudson Bay Company's warehouse, which then stood at the foot of Yates street just behind the present premises of Findiny, Durham & Brodie. It was used for the storage of salmon in barrels pending the annual sailing of a company's packet for London. When the ball was arranged the packet Princees Royal had taken all the salmon on board and the warehouse was empty. After liberal applications of soft soap and water to indestroy the ancient and fishlike smell that hung about the place, and the draping about the walls of safis and flags from the naval ships, the room was made presentable and a goodly number of invitations were sent out. There were very f and an executive committee to check pithe list was also appointed. In due course the cards were issued, and to the surprise of many the names of Mr. and Mrs. John Colber were not among the elect. A day passed, two, three days, and still no cards for the Colbers. Then arm-in-arm (which was the way married and engaged persons walked at that time) the Colbers proceeded to investigate. They were very wroth and the sharp tongue of the lady cut like a two-edged sword. The unfortunate secretary was the first object of the slighted woman's wrath, and after much persuasion and many threats the secretary explained that she had been instructed by the committee not to issue an invitation to Mr. and Mrs. Colber. To the president of the committee the pair mext proceeded, and in that lady they spencountered a foewoman who was worthy of the visiting lady's tongue. The word-battle must have been interesting, eq It was said that Mrs. Colber, like the bishwoman whom Dan O'Connell vanguished in the Dublin market, got the worst of the combat, for she left the place supported by her husband in an hysterical condition.

The outcome of the visit was the issue of a writ for heavy damages, as I have explained, against the husband of the president of the executive of the social guild. What provoked the action I never knew positively; but it was reported that a gentleman from Australia had known Mrs. Colber while there and had said that she had a Past. Now to say that a person has had a Past is not actionable in itself. We have all had Pasts. Some of us would gladly erase the record from the list of eligibles because of that Past, was decidedly actionable.

The ball came off and proved very successful. There were ladies present; but the gentlemen outnumbered them in the ratio of six to one. The moment a lady entered the dancing apartment she was pounced upon, so to speak, and her "card," which was written upon a half-sheet of note paper, was filled almost at once. A young American who accompanied me to the ball got one dance the whole evening and I fared little better, the naval officers bearing off all the honors. The costumes were rich and varied. Of course, the enormous crinoline was much in evidence and in sympathy with the hoops the gentlemen wore baggy trousers wide from the hips to the ankles where they suddenly narrowed and were drawn closely in. There was about as much fit in trousers then as there is in pajamas now. Looking back fi can recall mothing so grotesque as the male and female costumes of that day—and yet we thought them graceful and fetching and altogether lovely! "What fools we mortals be." to allow ourselves to be dragged to such ridiculous ends by the dictates of Dame Fashion. The supper was all that could be desired. I remember that Governor Douglas, Captain James Reid and other heads of families, with their lovely young daughters were present, and that they made very pretty speeches in which they referred to the company in a pleasant manner. Admiral Baynes, then in command of the station, and his staff were also present and he, too, made the command of the station, and his early was feeling happy. The affai

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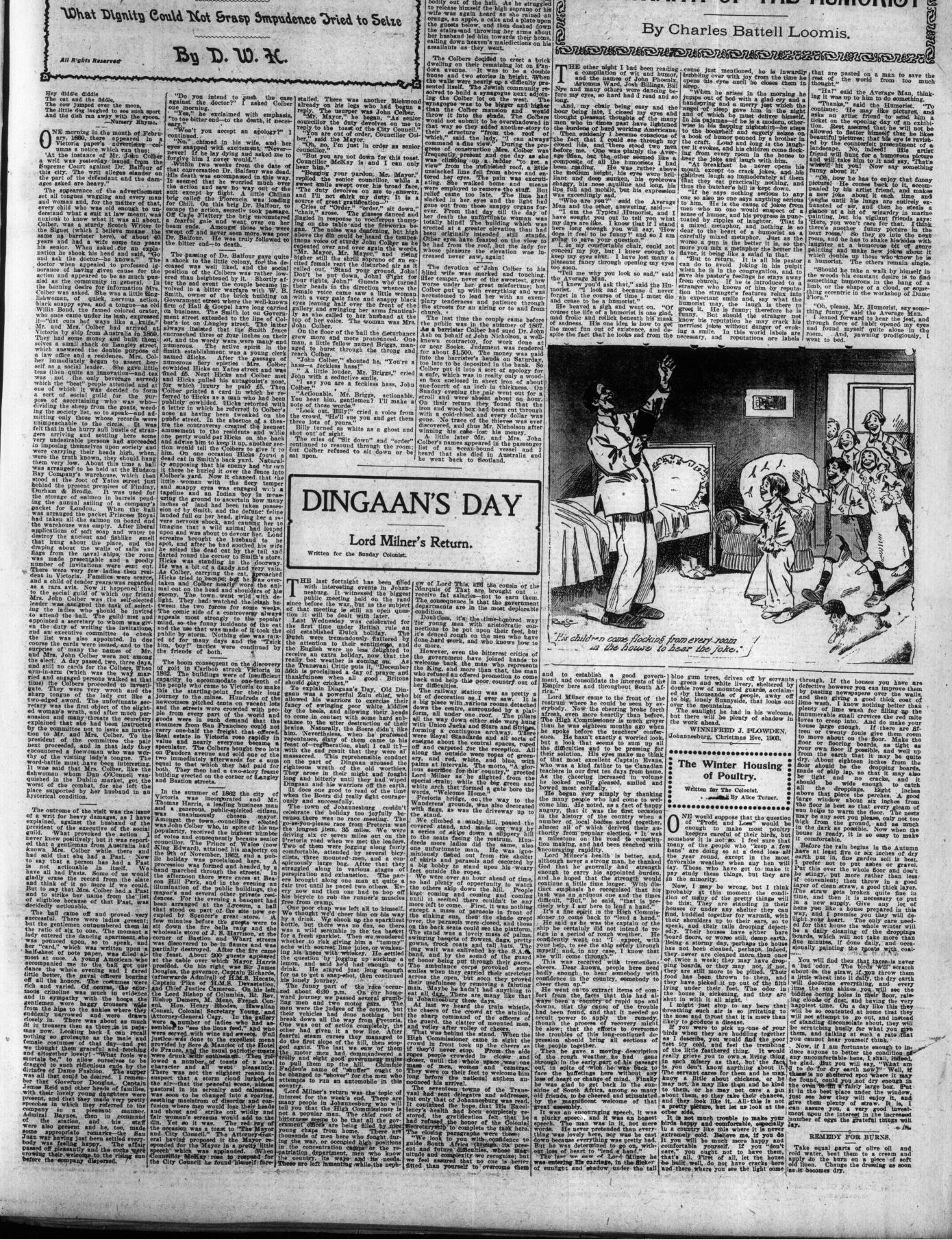
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GERMANY'S AFRICAN TROUBLE. Siege of Gobabis Raised and Continued

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DEPORTING CHINESE.

Unwelcome Boarders of the C. P. R. Must Go Back to China,

Montreal, Feb. 16.—Eighty-one Chinamen who have passed the last three months in the immigration quarters of the C. P. R. station awaiting the decision of the courts regarding their destination, left here this morning for Vancouver, the courts having decided that, as the Ohinamen were originally destined, according to the manifest, for the West Indies, the C. P. R. cannot land them on any other country. They will go back to China.

Huntsville, Ont., Feb. 16.—Jesse Dean, farmer of the township of Chaf-fey, and a hired boy while going through the cattle shed when the roof fell in owing to the weight of snow on it, and both were buried. Dean was taken out dead, but the boy escaped unhurt. FROZEN MAN IDENTIFIED.

Brandom, Feb. 16.—The man found frozen to death on the prairie yesterday has been identified as William Allem, of Souris. It is supposed that he came from Souris with the hockey team last Friday, as there was a return ticket from Souris on his person. The body is awaiting the arrival of friends.

CARRIE NATION'S UNDERSTUDY. TI Topeka, Feb. 16.—Miss Blanche Boies was today sentenced to serve thirty days in jail and pay a fine of \$100 for her second offence in smashing the windows of buildings in which "joints" were operating a year ago. Miss Boies smashed the windows of five buildings. She has been serving a thirty-day sentence for smashing the first windows of the series of five. The sentence expired Saturday.

A BRUTAL ATTACK.

Baltimore, Feb. 16.—John Jones was arrested today charged with the murder of John Drake, colored. Jones, who is a driver for a local brewing company, said that he had quarrelled with Drake Sunday might, and later left him with the threat that he would brain him with a hatchet. Shortly afterwar batter of the town of the door, he attacked the negro with the hatchet, and hacked and sacked him to death.



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the Portland Consolidated Mining Company.

Health Officers Kergin and Flewin are having a pest house erected in the eastern part of the town for Mrs. White, the lady that arrived here on the last trip of the steamer Tees sick with the smallpox. Indian Agent G. W. Moortow came up Tuesday from Metlakadla to dake care of the Indians that were aboard of the Tees and who were exposed to the dreaded disease. These were taken to Whisky bay, two miles below town, where they are quarantined to await the outcome of their exposure.

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Dossizo, Kussia, Feb. 16.—The departure of General Rennekamff for the front today was the occasion for a great demonstration of patriotism. He was carried to the railroad station on the shoulders of his fellow members of the officers club.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Japanese minister today received a despatch from Tokio stating that trustworthy information has reached the Japanese government to the effect that as result of the Japanese attack on the Russian squadron off Port Arthur at midnight of February 8th, the Russian battleship Retsvian is still aground outside to port, the Czarevitch has been towed into port and the Pallada is still aground at the entrance of the port. All threathe edspatch says that as a result of the bombardment on the morning of the 9th the Novik was seriously damaged, but the Askold. Diana and Poltava were only slightly damaged.

United States Minister Allen from Scoul under vesterday, details cached control

United States Minister Allen from Seoul under yesterday's date, cabled the state department the following details of the disposition made of the Russian sailors who composed the crews of the Variag and the Korietz, the Russian crhisers sunk by the Japanese at Chemulpo on the 9th inst.

"The Russian forces that were captured have been taken on board the French naval vessel and will be conveyed by her to Sago, Cochis China, tomorrow, where they will be held until after the close of the war. Those on the British naval vessel will be taken to Hongkong under a similar understanding."

Admiral Evans, commanding the United States Asiatic station, has notified the American navy department that he has despatched three of the cruiser squadron to North China ports where they will be held in readiness to serve as despatch boats or for the succor of refugees or similar purposes during the progress of the war. The New Orleans has started from Cavite for Chefoo, the nearest port to the theatre of war. The Raleigh and the Frolic have started from Cavite for Shanghai.

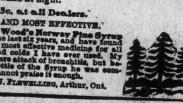
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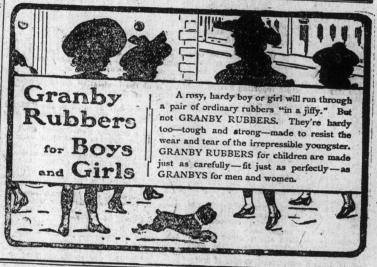


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Resolved that the city engineer be an thorized to continue obtaining beach gravel from J. Haggerty, upon the same terms and conditions as are set out in an agreement for supplying gravel, between him (J. Rangerty) and the corporation, dated the 19th day of December, 1901.

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## **British News** By Cable

THE RUSSIAN BATTLE SHIP TSARE VITCH.

Premier Balfour's Health Continues Unsatisfactory and He May Go Abroad.

Admiral Vessey Well Known In the Dominion Dead at Good. Old Age.

Duke of Devonshire Explains His Position on the Fiscal Question.

wrence river to Montre In the House of Lords the Duke of Devonshire (Liberal-Unionist), made a long speech on the fiscal question. He explained his position and reasons for this resignation as lord president of the council, and said when he read Mr. Balfour's Sheffield speech he found that he had attogether misconceived Mr. Balfour's views. Consequently the Duke found it impossible, as he was a convinced free trader, to remain in the cabinet.

Continuing, the Duke said: "The only result of a retaliatory duty on American iron would be to relieve the home trade of a temporary inconvenience." In conclusion, the Duke expressed the strongest dissatisfaction with the attitude of the government.

## RUSSIANS DISLIKE AMERICAN'S ACTION

Refusal of Vicksburg's Commander to Join Protest Causes Comment,

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—The refusal of the commander of the United States gunboat Vicksburg to unite with the mmanders of other foreign warships at Chemulpo to protest against the fighting there on February 8th. which resulted in the loss of the Russian warships Variag and Korietz, and the fact that the Vicksburg did not take on board any of the survivors, has created unfavora-

of the survivors, has created unfavorable public comment here.

A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press at Port Arthur reports that the steamer Shilka left Vladivostock February 3rd and arrived at Tsushima, a Japanese island northwest of Nagasaki, February 6th. Here the wessel was seized and without explanation taken to Nagasaki bay. The Japanese passengers were landed, but Capt. Kosturin successfully opposed the landing of the Chinese passengers, who were bound for Chefoo.

WARSHIPS ORDERED BACK. Russian Vessels En Route East Will Return to Europe.

Paris, Feb. 20.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Figaro cables that the Russian squadron at Jibuti, French Somaliand, on the Gulf of Aden, has been ordered to Cronstadt. The Russian squadron at Jibuti consists, as far as is known, of the batttheship Oslabya the cruiser Aurora, the cruiser Dmitri Donskoi and a number of torpedo boat destroyers. It was reported from St. Petersburg February 15 that this squadron had been instructed to remain at Jibutil until further orders. It has been suggested that the stopping of these warships at Jibutil has lead to international representations, Jibutil being a neutral French Port.

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