

ADIANS GOING TO ORANGE RIVER COLONY

Take Charge of an Experimental Farm—Proposed Steamship Line Between Canada and Sweden.

...ta, Feb. 12.—The Governor of the Orange River Colony has asked the Minister of Agriculture for two Ontario agricultural college graduates. Mr. ... now assistant to the Dominion stock commissioner, will be appointed to take charge of an experimental farm in the colony, and John Buchanan, ... College, will be his assistant.

Another Line Proposed. The Johnson Steamship Company, of ... is now in communication with the Dominion government for the purpose of establishing a direct line of steamers between Stockholm, Sweden, and Canada. There is now a big trade between Sweden and Canada. The ... boats now call at Sydney, Cape ... for coal.

FIRE IN MILL. By Blaze at Peterboro Estimated \$100,000—Over Four Hundred Employees Idle.

Peterboro, Feb. 12.—Fire this morning broke out in the mill of the American Cereal Company here. The fire will necessitate closing down of the entire plant for months, until repairs are carried out. Fifty employees will be thrown out of employment.

MANY COMING. Thousands of Families From Utah Expected to Settle in Southern Alberta.

Calgary, Feb. 12.—The Raymond Chronicle estimates that fully 10,000 families will move from Utah into Alberta in the near future. Figures are based upon estimates of those engaged in promoting the migration.

Stomach is diseased the body does not get its full nourishment, the blood of the elements it requires; and, consequently, all the organs of the body, such as the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys, as well as the nervous system, deprived of pure, rich blood.

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... among the thousands which they are constantly publishing, thus proving their genuineness.

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... but two years ago a rash appeared on my arms and legs of my nephew, a twelve years of age," writes H. H. East, of 213 East 101st New York, N. Y. "We went to a family physician who pronounced it eczema, and said he could cure it in a short while. After treating it for two months it got worse instead of better. I advised the use of Dr. Pierce's Medical Discovery, and after using a few bottles the patient began to improve. The itching abated; he could eat; his appetite increased, and I continued to use the 'Discovery' until the scales came off by the whole body is as clear and as a baby's. This is the most complete cure that ever I had."

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Russian Cruiser Blown Up-- All Aboard Were Lost

BLOWN UP BY A MINE. St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—The Russian second-class cruiser Boyarin was blown up by a mine on February 13th in the same manner as was the Russian torpedo transport Yemashin. The crew, including officers and men, all of whom, it is understood, were lost. No details of the disaster have been given.

Russians Advancing. Large Force Reported to Be Near Harbin—Movement of War-ships.

New York, Feb. 16.—The arrival is reported of 60,000 Russian troops at Irkutsk, says a Herald dispatch from Port Arthur by way of Chelof. They are now heading Harbin. Manchurian trains are now running regularly bringing supplies from Siberia.

Admiral Alexieff, viceroy of the Far East, is still making his headquarters at Mukden. A Russian fleet is reported to be moving in the direction of Korea or Southern Japan, with the intention of bombarding the nearest port, causing a diversion in favor of Port Arthur.

Preparating to Land. Japanese Troops May Be Put Ashore Near the Port of Newchwang.

Paris, Feb. 16.—Advices through the French government's channels confirm the previous reports to the effect that the Japanese are preparing to make a landing west of Liao-tung peninsula, or near the port of Newchwang. Owing to the sandy shallowness near this port, it is said that the landing will occur at the rocky points eastward of the town. Owing to it being a port of entry of the capital of Manchuria, considerable importance is being attached here to the movement.

JAP. LOSSES.

London, Feb. 16.—The Japanese losses from the Far East contain numerous unconfirmed and conflicting rumors, among them a report of another engagement at Port Arthur in which the Russians lost eight vessels sunk and ten captured. A correspondent of the Daily Mail who witnessed the engagement of Port Arthur, confirms previous accounts of the fight and asserts again that one Japanese torpedo boat was sunk and another deserted by its crew in a sinking condition. It was subsequently captured by the Russians. He says also that the Japanese lost one battleship and had one cruiser and one torpedo boat, and the colonel of the Fifth Russian regiment was killed by a shell during the bombardment.

Calcutta to the Daily Mail from Wed-Hai-Wai and Newchwang reports a Japanese 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.

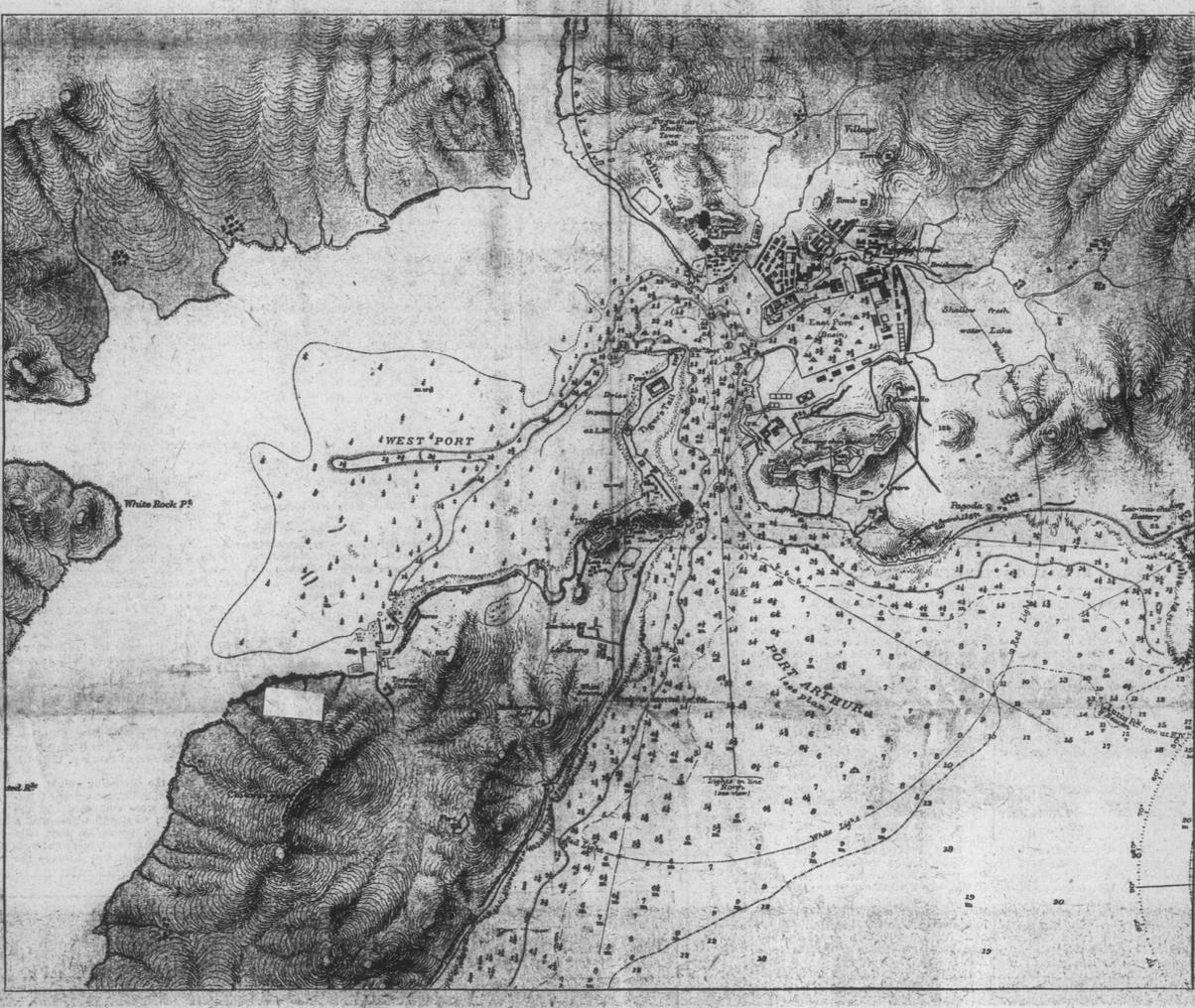
In a dispatch from Tokio dated February 12th a correspondent of the Times writes that the Russian squadron in the Gulf of Pechili, apparently with the idea of effecting a landing near Port Dalny.

Tokio Awaiting News. 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.

Commercial men to-day 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 toward the war. The 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, who received the full particulars of the engagement.

A letter from one of the men who participated in the naval fight says that the torpedo attack succeeded through the clever feat. The majority of the torpedo vessels manoeuvred in front of the Russian line and held its attention while the rest worked around to the rear and cut close to the enemy before being discovered, when they fired their destructive missiles and got out of range.

No further news of the Russian Vladivostok fleet has been received here. It is thought to have returned to the port of Vladivostok 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 Trans-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 completion of Japanese naval programme.



PORT ARTHUR AND ENVIRONS. Reproduced by courtesy of T. N. Hibben & Co. agents for Admiralty Charts.

hama harbors are protected by mines. Several Russian merchant vessels have been captured and sent to Sasebo as prizes. Nine transports for horses are at Moji.

Landed at Chemulpo. Washington, Feb. 15.—Information has reached here that 20,000 Japanese troops were landed at Chemulpo yesterday, the first division of a large number which will be thrown into Korea while the Russian fleet is bottled up in Port Arthur.

By one conversant with the Japanese plans it is stated that the reported attacks on Port Arthur are not for the purpose of seizing that place at present, unless an unexpected weakness in the fortifications there should develop. They are part of a plan to harass the Russian fleet until Korea can be occupied.

First, however, it is learned, that the Japanese propose to cut the line of communication well up on the road running from Newchwang to Port Arthur. It is said a large Japanese force will land at Newchwang shortly for the purpose.

The navy department denies positively that any American naval officers were aboard the Japanese ships in the fighting at Port Arthur. It is said that the United States government requested the permission of both the Russian and Japanese to place an American naval officer with each of the fleets and military officers with the armies in the capacity of observers, but, neither powers have agreed to it.

Mr. Takashira, the Japanese minister, waited upon Secretary Hay to-day, and it is understood that the reported detention of about 100 Japanese soldiers in Port Arthur was under discussion. Until the facts are known the state department is inclined to go slow in making representations to Russia. It is bound to do so, however, if Japan formally refuses it. International law gives military commanders large discretion in such cases.

In War Service. San Francisco, Feb. 15.—Among the passengers of the steamer China, which arrived on Saturday to embark on trans-ports for Korea. Nagasaki and Yoko-

Kishu Kaisha steamers Nippon Maru and Hongkong Maru. They were all deprived of their positions by the action of the Japanese government in pressuring the steamers into war service. The Hongkong Maru is now known as the Hongkong Maru Kan, and the Nippon Maru as the Nippon Maru Kan, the addition to the names signifying that they are now men-of-war.

Russians in Manchuria. London, Feb. 15.—A lengthy parliamentary paper issued to-day contains the correspondence regarding the Russian occupation of Manchuria, covering the period from July, 1900, to January 6th, 1904.

On the latter case Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador to Great Britain, communicated to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne a formal declaration that Russia would not interfere with the existing treaty rights of the powers.

Lord Lansdowne expressed satisfaction with these assurances, but he expressed his regret that Russia should have found it impossible to take even a single step in pursuance of a policy which she thus proscribed for herself, and said the people of Britain were looking for some evidence of Russia's intention to fulfill her promises. For example, the announcement that Newchwang would be evacuated at an early date would have a reassuring effect, and Lord Lansdowne was not aware of any local difficulty in the way of this move.

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agent of Japan at Vladivostok. The latter reports that ten Russian torpedo boats are frozen up at that port unable to move. The commander of the garrison and the local authorities at Vladivostok called on the departing agent and complained that the Japanese had opened hostilities without having declared war.

When news of the opening of the war reached Vladivostok the squadron there was hastily painted and cleared for action, leaving the port on the afternoon of February 9th. He believed that it returned to Vladivostok after sinking the Nakamura Maru. There are no torpedoes nor mines sunk at Vladivostok, and the place is totally unprepared to resist attack.

Massing of troops on the north bank of the Yalu continues, the Russian's evidently believing that the Japanese intend to make their main attack there with the object in view of forcing their way through the Russian lines and destroying the railway, thereby cutting off communication with Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

The Japanese are again agitating for the construction of the Seoul-Wiju railway, and great quantities of material used on the Pusan-Seoul railway are available. In the event of a prolonged war a railway between these would be of immense advantage.

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READY FOR SERVICE.

Work on Ships Continued at Sea, and They Will at Once Join Fleet.

Rome, Feb. 16.—The Japanese minister here, M. Ohyama, to-day received a cable dispatch informing him that the Japanese warships Nishin and Kasuga, built at Genoa for the Argentine Republic, but sold to Japan shortly before the outbreak of the war with Russia, which arrived at Yokosuka to-day, reached their destination in perfect condition. The dispatch adds that the work of completing their preparation for active service was continued at sea, that they will be able to take part in the hostilities immediately.

JAPAN'S NEW CRUISERS.

The Nishin and Kasuga, Recently Purchased, Have Arrived at Yokosuka.

Yokosuka, Feb. 16.—The cruiser Nishin arrived safely at Yokosuka at 9 o'clock, and the cruiser Kasuga at 11 o'clock. These two vessels, recently purchased from the Argentine Republic, will increase materially the preponderance of the Japanese naval strength.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Six Hundred Russian Soldiers Reported to Have Perished in a Snow-storm.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—6.40 p. m.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Tagesspiegel says that six hundred Russian soldiers have been frozen to death while marching across Lake Balkal, Eastern Siberia.

The correspondent adds that the temporary railroad across the lake is not yet completed, that a larger detachment of troops was sent on a twenty-two mile march over the ice-covered lake, and that it is presumed that part of these troops lost their way in a snowstorm and perished.

GERMAN CRUISER FIRED ON.

According to Port Arthur Telegram the Japs Were Offenders.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—An issue of 50,000,000 roubles credit notes, secured by gold, was made on February 15th. The comparatively small influx of circulating credit notes into the treasury and the Imperial Bank, and the increased withdrawals for the Far East, are assigned as the reasons for this action. The total of the credit notes in circulation on February 14th was 630,000,000 roubles.

A semi-official telegram, dated from the headquarters of the viceroy at Port Arthur, says the German cruiser Hansa, which has been sent to remove German subjects from Port Arthur, and which had on board also a number of Russian women and children, had been fired upon by Japanese warships. The telegram refutes the statement that three Japanese torpedo boats have been sunk in a night attack on Port Arthur.

All was quiet on February 13th, within the sphere of the war operations.

WAR DUE TO ALEXIEFF.

Former Japanese Minister Says Viceroy Did Not Deliver Last Note From Russia.

New York, Feb. 16.—Neither side wanted war, according to Mr. Kurino, former minister to Russia. In a cable to the Herald, Mr. Kurino is quoted as giving out an interview in Berlin to this effect: "When hostilities were at last opened," declared Mr. Kurino, "it was directly due to the action of Admiral Alexieff. By his ostentatious preparations for war he made war inevitable."

Mr. Kurino affirmed that the viceroy never delivered the last note to the Japanese government. Mr. Kurino said he had not slightest information as to what the note contained.

"As to the duration of the war," said Mr. Kurino, "that is a matter of which I know nothing. The military experts alone can settle that point."

In conclusion Mr. Kurino expressed the strong conviction that France would not interfere in the conflict, "but if she does England will be depended upon to stand by the Japanese."

TO LIMIT WAR ZONE.

Russia Will Shortly Reply to Secretary Hay's Note—Consulting Viceroy Alexieff.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Information has been obtained at the foreign office that Secretary Hay's proposal to limit the area of war operations is considered "practicable," and that a response will soon be forthcoming. Viceroy Alexieff is being consulted regarding the matter, and the authorities are doubtless awaiting an indication as to how the proposition will be received by Japan.

The sympathetic reception given by the powers to Mr. Hay's note and the representations that the powers have made here, have undoubtedly had a good effect on public opinion, and the Russian government shows a more friendly spirit toward the direct representations made the United States. The American minister is now pressing for an answer to the request that United States army officers be allowed to accompany the Russian field operations, but it is said the viceroy Alexieff, to whom the request was referred, has not yet replied.

Carnival week, usually the gayest of the year in Russia, opened yesterday. Under the shadow of the war, the merry-making was only a ghost of that of former years. In St. Petersburg all the festivities, including balls, public and private, social functions and fashionable wedding, planned months in advance, have been abandoned. Business, however, is as usual suspended, and thousands of little Finnish sleighs with tinkling bells, which for this one week are allowed to compete with the regular drivers at cut prices, are driven through the snow-covered streets, although their occupants evidently are not possessed by the true carnival spirit.

The rush of crowds to buy extra editions of the newspapers, the intense activity at the war offices, the military reviews and the crowds of the admiralty anxiously inquiring regarding the fate of relatives, are grim reminders of

where the thoughts of the people are... instead of the customary... theatres gave double performances...

A GRAVE PROBLEM. Provisioning of Russian Army in Far East is Already Causing Anxiety.

New York, Feb. 16.—According to a dispatch from Russia, says the Times, the provisioning of the army in the Far East is causing great anxiety, as nothing can be obtained there in the winter, not even forage for the horses.

requiring a renewal of the negotiations... The approval of the various powers has not been identical...

FOR FAR EAST. San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Cable advices have been received by the California Fruit Canners Association that their shipment of canned goods, shipped on the...

torial article the Times remarks that as this correspondent does not mention the injuries sustained by the battleships and the Kinchua story has not been reported from any other source...

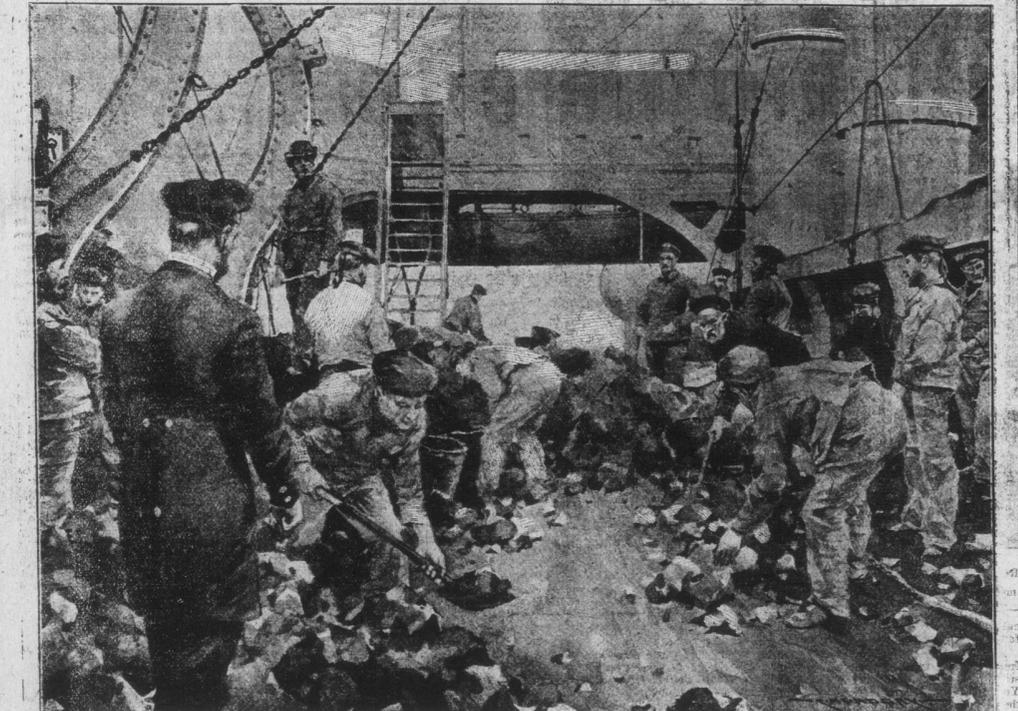
Sumner of Flight. Tokio, Feb. 16.—A report has reached here that the Japanese torpedo fleet attacked the Russian fleet at Port Arthur on February 14th and it is thought that one Russian warship was damaged.

Russian forts, between 11 o'clock and noon on February 14th, the attacking vessel were hit by the Russian fire.

Worn thin? No! Wash thin! That's so when common soap is used. SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE.

the point of their departure is concealed. RUSSIAN SHIPS DAMAGED. Reports That Two Vessels Were Torpedoed During Attack on Monday.

land movement, supported by German admiral, will be a serious collision takes place.



COALING THE RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP POBIEIDA.

would not suffice to carry the food for 150,000 to 180,000 men. The Russian soldiers bear hardship better than European troops...

JAPS LEAVE VLADIVOSTOK. Over One Thousand Sailed on Hamburg-American Liner Batavia.

Hamburg, Feb. 16.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Batavia has unbacked over a thousand Japanese at Vladivostok.

WILL MAKE REPARATION. Promise to Punish Soldiers Who Joined in Demonstration Against British and American Gunboats.

Yingkow, Feb. 15.—The British and American gunboats have been made to leave the harbor of Chefoo, Espirito Santo, and the United States gunboat Helena by Russian soldiers...

MINISTER WITHDRAWS. Accompanied by His Wife and Many Russians He Left Seoul on Friday Last.

Seoul, Feb. 16.—The Russian minister and all the resident Russians left this city on Friday last, the 12th inst., on a special Japanese train.

JAPANESE WAR LOAN. Subscriptions Close on March 10th—Gifts For Wife of Late Russian Minister.

Paris, Feb. 16.—The correspondent at Tokio, of the Petit Parisien, cables that the subscription of the war loan will close on March 10th.

NEUTRALITY OF CHINA. Further Negotiations Probably Necessary Before Decision Is Reached.

Paris, Feb. 16.—A new phase of the report on the American note on the subject of neutrality of China has arisen,

steamer Coptic a month ago and consigned to Port Arthur, had been seized by the Japanese government at Nagasaki.

ANXIETY FOR MISSIONARIES. Early Last Month Japanese Troops Were Expected in Korea.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—Relatives and friends of missionaries now stationed in Korea, Manchuria and Japan are alarmed for their safety.

PLEIADES FREE. Sailed Out of Port Arthur During a Storm.

Chefoo, Feb. 14.—The steamer Pleiades, which was detained several days at Port Arthur by the Russians, has arrived here, having left quietly during a storm.

REGARDING COALING. Additional Rules For the Guidance of Port Authorities.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—An extra of the Canadian Gazette was issued to-day as follows:

RUSHING TROOPS TO KOREA. London, Feb. 17.—In a dispatch dated Port Arthur, February 13th, a correspondent of the Times gives a description of seven Russian warships, which he says are lying disabled there.

Japanese would reach the vessel before she settled down, requested the captain to Port Arthur, had been seized by the Japanese government at Nagasaki.

Nothing Known Officially. Berlin, Feb. 16.—Nothing is known here officially of the report that the German cruiser Hansa, sent to remove German subjects from Port Arthur, was fired upon by Japanese warships.

REPORTS OF RUSSIAN ORPHANS. Tokio, Feb. 16.—The government is receiving additional circumstantial reports of the alleged cruelty of the Russians towards Japanese refugees from Manchuria.

SAVED BY STORM. Tokio, Feb. 17.—A heavy storm spared the Russians from a desperate torpedo attack at Port Arthur on the morning of Sunday, the 14th inst.

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ENFORCING GARRISON.

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et Arthur, Feb. 16.—Troops are here continuously, and the situation of the forces is making best progress. The fortress is thoroughly prepared to withstand a siege, and is regarded as inaccessible. General Stoessel has issued a reassuring proclamation to the garrison.

text of the order of the day to the Russian troops by Alexander today is as follows: "My heroic army and fleet have entrusted to me by His Majesty the Emperor, and now, when the eyes of the East and West are turned upon us, we must remember that it is our sacred duty to defend the East and the future of our race."

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Feb. 17.—An official dispatch here this morning from Tokyo says that one of the most important movements of Japanese troops yet occurring to-day, is the main branches of the army, of three divisions and a division of guards, is now going to Wonsan. The previous landings of Japanese forces in Korea are said here to have been compared with this simultaneous movement of three divisions, aggregating an army of 30,000 to 40,000 men.

THE PORT OF WJW.

Has Been Declared Open to Commerce of the World.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Mr. Allen, the American minister at Seoul, cables the state department that Wiju has been declared open to the commerce of the world by the Korean government.

SAFEGUARDING INTERESTS.

Russian Reply to Secretary Hay's Note Will Contain Reservations.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—Russia's reply to Secretary Hay's note on China probably will be made public in a few days. It will acquiesce in principle, but with certain reservations regarding Chinese administrative control over the region in Manchuria leased to Russia, and covered by the Chinese Eastern railway, in order to safeguard Russian interests.

FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Ready Response to Appeal For Funds to Aid Japanese Widows and Children.

New York, Feb. 17.—British sympathizer for the Japanese, says the London correspondent of the Times, is manifested in the remarkable response to an appeal for funds for the widows and families of soldiers and sailors. Japanese are accorded in all parts of London by persons desiring to contribute to the fund. A gentleman while dining in a Leicester square cafe, was approached by nine persons who occupied an adjoining table, and asked to forward £10 to the fund as a token of sympathy. "You're a good man, and a good sort you are." A member of the Japanese legation expressing his great gratification, remarked that England certainly is practicing benevolent neutrality.

CAUSING ANXIETY.

Anti-Foreign Feeling in China May Lead to Serious Trouble.

New York, Feb. 17.—Careful observations of the situation in Peking, according to a cable to the World from Tientsin, are unanimous regarding its gravity. Prince Su has been dismissed from his post as governor of the capital and Nating substituted, a change that has caused widespread dismay. The growing feeling in favor of Japan is shaping itself into a movement against all foreigners. Great anxiety is felt here, and the conviction grows that it is of the utmost importance that a close watch be kept over China.

CONFIDENT OF RESULT.

Russians Concentrating Overwhelming Force Which Will Advance Against the Japs.

New York, Feb. 17.—A special cable from St. Petersburg to the World says: "Russia continues to await with the utmost confidence the conflict on land, that is soon to come. This confidence is based on the superior military recognition of the Russian general staff, and the responsibility of maintaining the long line of railway through Manchuria will greatly simplify Admiral Alexieff's task, and we must believe the German authorities are unwilling to admit they know anything of the proposed passage of the Russian ships up to the present time."

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Rumor That Russian Ambassador Has Displaced His Government.

London, Feb. 17.—In a dispatch from Vienna, the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle reports rumors to the effect that Count Cassini, Russian ambassador at Washington, is to be recalled for failure to keep his government properly informed of the state of feeling in the United States.

FRENCH PREPARATIONS.

Measures Have Been Adopted to Protect French Indo-China.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Marine Minister Helletan has written to Deputy Desloches, Republican representative French Cochin China, desiring the reported shortage of coal for the French fleets, and adding that measures have been adopted to protect French Indo-China against any attack, and to prepare for all eventualities growing out of the present situation. The figure to-day published a dispatch from Amoy, stating that the commanders of army corps had received orders from the minister of war prescribing certain measures in case of the mobilization of the army. Officers and non-commissioned officers on leave have been requested to return to their regiments.

REPAIRING WARSHIPS.

Two of Them Are Now at Shanghai Waiting to Enter Drydock.

Shanghai, Feb. 17.—The following telegram has been received from Nagasaki, under date of February 15th: "Effect of thousand troops are embarking on transports to-day. Their horses are in poor condition. Two damaged warships are here waiting to go into drydock." Baron De Rosen, late Russian minister to Japan, has arrived here on the French steamer Yara. He is staying at the Russian consulate.

CLOSED.

No Messages Will Be Sent Over the Vladivostok-Nagasaki Cable.

New York, Feb. 17.—The Western Union Cable Company has received advice from the Russian government to the effect that the Vladivostok-Nagasaki cables are closed for an indefinite period to the correspondent of every nature.

VISITED VICTORIA.

Victory Alexieff Once Spent a Day Here Came in Bad Company.

The outbreak of hostilities in the Far East has attracted the attention of the world to the principal actors in the great drama now in its initial act. Victorians will be interested to learn that Victory Alexieff, the supreme head of the Russian navy, and director of the Russian naval and military operations at the theatre of dispute, was at one time a visitor to this city. He was then captain of the Russian man-of-war Alaska, which dropped into Esplanade harbor very suddenly one Sunday in the early eighties. Under ordinary conditions this visit by a Slavic vessel of war would not have been considered a startling circumstance. But it happened that at that juncture the relations between Great Britain and Russia were at an extreme tension, so the arrival of the foreign vessel was not hailed with a fanfare of trumpets by the Victoria populace.

War between the two great powers was expected at any time, and the abrupt appearance of the stranger aroused a great deal of suspicion. The only British ship in Esplanade harbor then was the Opal, a little craft with a skipper bold enough to scuffle the quarterdeck of a "severely armed" vessel. He noted the flagrant disregard of international courtesies on the part of the Slav, and her generally sullen attitude. He demanded that these be observed, and receiving no compliance he gave the victors twenty-four hours in which to do so. They did not comply but took care not to exceed the twenty-four hours' notice. It is said that the British skipper made a considerable quantity of provisions here and made out without paying for them. Whether the pressure exercised by the spectacle of a British ship blown up with a loss of 187 officers and men on February 13th by a mine, which it accidentally struck.

Mobilizing Russians. St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—(11 p. m.)—The rigid censorship imposed here on all news from the Far East, completely makes the movements of the Russian troops and the plans of those in command, but what is being done is evidently satisfactory to the authorities here, who manifest the utmost confidence that, when the proper time arrives, they will be able to secure a victory of the Japanese will then be forgotten. Russia was taken unawares of the onset and some little time will be required to complete the mobilization of the Russian troops. There will be no disposition to meet the evident wish of Japan to rush matters to a decision.

At Port Arthur to-day the thermometer registered 26 degrees below zero. The concentration of Russian troops will proceed as rapidly as possible, but it is fair to assume that Victory Alexieff will not take the aggressive until he feels certain of his ability to administer a decisive defeat.

Therefore, in spite of the extensive land operations of the Japanese in Korea, an important land fight is not considered here to be imminent, although it is believed that the passage of the Yalu river by the Japanese will be disputed. Victory Alexieff has communicated to the Chief of Staff, Admiral Heisterstein, who is in command of the Russian cruiser division, dealing with the destruction of the Japanese merchant steamer Hakonara, off the Northwest coast of Japan and the capture of forty-one of her crew. Captain Retzschstein, who is also acting commander of the Vladivostok squadron, says that a small Japanese steamer was also approached, but the violent squall made it impossible to capture her crew and that therefore the steamer was not sunk. Heavy weather, he says, prevented him following the coast and the cruiser squadron made for Chetschikoff, floating before the tempest to the Korean coast. Owing to the storm the squadron was only able to accomplish five knots per hour. Heavy seas were shipped and with few exceptions the guns were encountered within three days.

It is reported in St. Petersburg that Victory Alexieff's headquarters may be changed to Mukden, which would be nearer the centre of military activity, but this is not certain. In the meantime troops are constantly going to the frontier from all parts of Russia, and some distinguished officers in the service of the Czar are leaving for the Far East.

The report of a massacre of Jews near Kieff is denied by the minister of the interior, and the Associated Press is authorized to say that the affair was confined to the indictment that the Russian second-class cruiser Boyarin was torpedoed and sunk by the destroyer Hayashi on the torpedo attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur last Sunday morning. Lieutenant Commander Tokouchi did not

THE DUTCH EAST INDIA ADMINISTRATION.

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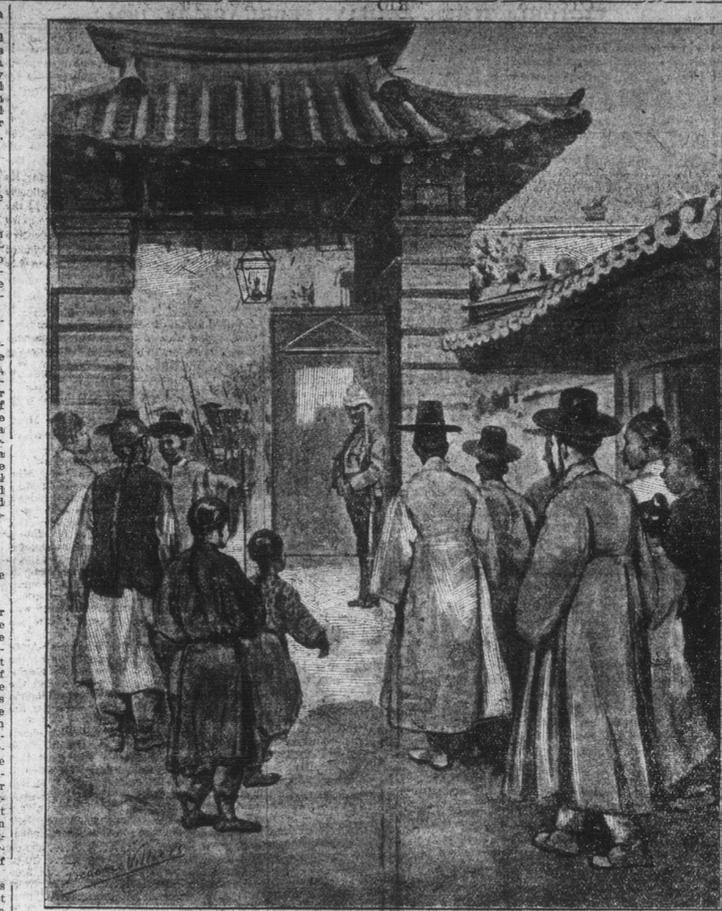
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"The unity and strength of the Russian people leave no room for doubt that Japan will receive the chastisement she deserves for treachery and provocation to war at a time when her beloved country desired to maintain peace among the nations."

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BRITISH STEAMER SAVED.

The Hsi Ping is Reported to Have Arrived at Shanghai.

Tientsin, Feb. 18.—The departure of the Chinese Imperial troops from Pao Ping Fu to Kin Chai, previously fixed for today, to guard the Russian steamer, was postponed until February 21st. The reasons for the postponement are not known.

The British steamer Hsi Ping, which arrived at Shanghai to-day, reports that she was fired on by the Russian ships and forts which seeking shelter in the inner harbor of Pao Ping Fu, where she was then ordered to Daiky, where she was detained four days in spite of her captain's protests. The Russian gunboat Mandur remained at Shanghai in defiance of the orders of the Chinese officials to leave port.

CHILIAN WARSHIPS. According to Press Britain May Make Additional Purchases.

New York, Feb. 18.—A correspondent of the Herald-tribune from Valparaiso, Chile, says: "A Union, a clerical paper, confirms the rumors by saying negotiations are being carried on for the sale of more warships to England, adding that all is now at question of ratifying the treaty."

"The minister of foreign affairs denied the rumor, and one of the highest officers in the navy neither confirmed nor denied it. The interviewer gave the impression that negotiations are proceeding with a foreign power."

SYMPATHIZING WITH JAPS. Victory For Russia Would Mean Closing of Manchuria and Korea to Protestantism.

New York, Feb. 18.—"All the Protestant missionaries in the East are on the Japanese side," said Rev. D. Spencer, who has just returned to New York from Japan. He spent twenty-eight years in that country in missionary work.

"Victory for Russia would virtually close Manchuria and Korea to Protestantism," he said. "The reason is that negotiations are proceeding with a foreign power."

RUSSIAN CRUISER ASKOLD. The Askold, which was slightly damaged during the Port Arthur engagement of February 9th, is a favorite type of cruiser in the Russian navy, and there are nine of them either built or completing. In 1898 competitive designs were asked for, and among the six firms which completed were Krupp, Cramp and Vulcan Company. The Askold's dimensions are as follows: Length, 326 1/2 feet; extreme beam, 49 feet; mean draught, 20 1/2 feet; displacement, 6,100 tons. Her armament consists of twelve 6-inch, twelve 3-inch, and four 1.8-inch guns. Her speed is 18 knots. She was suddenly ordered to put to sea on the 17th inst., and was ordered to use, within two hours she was steaming at the rate of 22 knots.

Alexander III, has given \$500,000 to the Red Cross Society, \$200,000 for a hospital for wounded sailors and soldiers, and \$200,000 for a school for orphans of the war.

The Korean minister announces that although 36,000 Korean troops are stationed at Seoul, his government preferred not to take up arms against Japan, because Korea is neutral and to assure Russia would soon drive out the Japanese.

KAISER'S OFFER. German Hospitals Ready to Receive Wounded Russians and Japs.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Emperor William has notified the Czar and the Mikado that the German hospitals at Kiao Chou and Yokohama are available for the care of men wounded during the war.

RUSSIANS RELEASED. Passengers on Steamers Argon and Ekaterinof Allowed to Proceed to Destination.

Nagasaki, Feb. 18.—Five Russian passengers detained on board the steamer Argon and one on the steamer Ekaterinof, were released at Socho-y to-day and allowed to proceed to their destination.

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AY MAKE COUNTER MOVE.

Closely Watching Action of Britain Regarding Persia and Tibet.

Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Lieut.-General...

THE KOREAN ARMY.

Lack Courage and Discipline—There is No Artillery.

The army numbers a few thousand men...

Weight Increased Ten Pounds.

Health and Strength Completely Restored by Ferreroze.

A. I. Godfrey is well known to the people...

My weight has increased at least ten pounds...

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MAYOR BARNARD AGAIN DRESSED.

BASTION SQUARE WILL HAVE GARDEN PLOTS.

City Council Decided to Accept Mr. Wollaston's Proposal—Receipts Business Disposed of.

Mayor Barnard presided at Monday night's meeting of the city council.

Letters were read acknowledging the receipt by Hon. R. Prefontaine of communications...

A communication from Herbert Gaudibert asked that forwarded as a sample...

A communication from W. M. Van Sant, dealing with the Victoria Terminal matters...

Hagerly & Colston offered to supply filling in material at \$60 a yard.

The city solicitor sent a letter dealing with property in Spring Ridge...

E. C. Johnston sent a three-month statement showing total receipts of \$14,485.

Mr. Symonds offered to supply gravel for the bastion square...

A petition for a sewer along Churchway was presented.

A petition from residents on the west side asked for an electric light.

A petition was received from C. H. Luginer asking for better arrangements in connection with the drain from his residence.

The city engineer was authorized to have the work done if necessary, provided it did not cost too much.

The finance committee presented the following report:

1. Re communication from the secretary of the Victoria Club...

2. Re communication from Mr. P. Wollaston, Jr., submitting a proposal...

3. Re communication from Mr. Wollaston and the city engineer...

4. Re communication from Mr. Wollaston, who has kindly offered to superintend and carry out the work...

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THE EXPENDITURE OF ACCOUNTS AMOUNTING TO \$2,101.06.

Tenders for plumbing alterations in the city hall were opened.

Everything is progressing most satisfactorily at Mount Sicker camp.

BUSK AT MOUNT SICKER.

The Mining Properties Are Making Satisfactory Progress at That Camp.

The inspectors who conducted the inquiry at Seattle in the loss of the steamer Clallam...

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Investigator in Seattle Review Evidence—Why They Blame Chief Engineer and Captain.

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In reply to C. H. Luginer he said that on January 31 he had received a message from H. F. Bullen stating that the Maude was ready to go to the assistance of the distressed steamer.

About 2 o'clock witness went to the top of the Driard hotel, but did not see the Clallam. Later on he went along the waterfront looking for the tug.

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Witness would give no reply to this interrogation.

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PLEAS OF SNOW ON THE GROUND.

INDICATIONS OF A GOOD YEAR IN NORTH.

Opportunity Will Be Given for Washing Bench Diggings—Mining Prospects Are Favorable.

There is more snow in the north than there has been for two years previously, and miners are hopeful that there will be a larger clean-up of gold this coming spring than has been washed up at the mines for several seasons.

This report is made by A. J. Morris, traveller for J. Piercy & Company, of this city, who returned on Monday morning from a trip to Dawson and to the creeks surrounding that city.

The higher levels, where miners have been handicapped for want of water during the last couple of years, it is estimated there are millions of dollars in dirt, piled up from benches heretofore not reached by water, which has been held pending the favorable season for washing.

Having visited a number of the creeks, Mr. Morris saw some of these ridges covered with snow, and, as expectations are realized, the spring does not set in so rapidly, causing floods and shortening the season, the year throughout the country will be a very good one.

On another great deal of work has been done. Possibly on this creek, as lower Dominion and on Sulphur, the greatest showing is made.

But it will not be from the work done on these creeks altogether that the prospect is given of stirring times in the north this year. Bullion creek and its tributaries are going to be the scene of much activity, and White river will also be the scene of a large amount of prospecting, judging from present reports.

Gold has been found there running three dollars to the pan.

News of the rock ground there found reached Dawson some time ago, causing considerable excitement. Stoppers at once set out for the district, which is the scene of creek diggings, but up to the time of Mr. Morris' departure from Dawson they had not yet returned to verify the reports at first received.

The just returned Victorian was first on the ground for half days in reaching White Lake from Dawson. Stages were operating regularly. A number had carbon heaters in them, and were very comfortable. The trails were in good condition. In some places the snow could be seen morning down to Dawson, this being some of that tied up at White Horse at the time of the close of navigation.

The weather is extremely cold, but according to the thermometer, registering sometimes as low as 68 below zero, was encountered, "but," adds Mr. Morris, "it might as well have been 40 below zero for all the difference it made in one's discomfort."

According to Mr. Morris Dawson is very quiet. Market quotations are at their highest. Feed is selling at 12 cents a pound, and yet there appears no scarcity of it.

FATAL FIRE IN MONTREAL.

Three Lives Lost—Owners of Building Held Criminally Responsible.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—As a result of a small fire in a building at the corner of Notre Dame and St. Charles streets on Saturday afternoon, three people are dead and seven others are in the hospital more or less seriously injured.

The fire broke out in a room on the second floor, and spread rapidly. It was discovered that the fire was caused by a young woman who was apparently dazed, for he rushed across the street head first into a stone wall. When picked up he was dead.

The coroner's jury to-day in the inquest into the cause of the fire, held by the owners of the building, the Christian Brothers, of Kingston, Ontario, criminally responsible in that they had failed to provide fire escapes and to have a fire alarm.

CHINESE PLACE NAMES.

Tung means east; si, west; nan, south; pei, north; wei, sin, or king stands for capital or metropolis, as in Peking (northern capital) and Hankow (central capital). Tien means heaven, so Tientsin means heavenly metropolis. Ho, or Kiang, means river, so Pei ho is north river; Si-kiang, west river. Che means green, so Chekiang, seven rivers, Shan is mountain, and Shan-tung, east mountain and Shan-si, west mountain. Fuh is white, and Fui-shan, white mountain. Hai is sea, and Kwan stands for gate, so Hai-kwan (the maritime customs) is gate of the sea, and Shan-shan-kwan, mountain and sea gate. Shans is a city, and Shanshi city by the sea. Hoang is yellow; Hoang Ho, Yellow River. Yang means ocean, and Tso, son; hence, the Yang-tze Kiang is the son of the ocean.

Tien-tso is a month of heaven (the Emperor Ku or Kow is a month of earth, and Ta, big or great, so Ta-ku means big month (of Pei-ho), while the present month is south (east from Mongolia). Hu is a lake; ling, a hill; hsiang, a village, hsien, a tax district. Fu is a prefecture; tai, a governor; tao, a circuit; so tao-tai is a governor of a circuit, and tsai, a residence of a prefecture. Cho, or Kiao, is a bridge; li, a Chinese mile; pa, eight; and this Tai-li-kiao is the eight mile bridge, the old name of a great stopping place; hence, Tung-shen, eastern depot of Peking. Cho is a province, and Shien-si, is the western province. Yang means police station or postal residence, and Hui, a secret society or club. T'ing means pure or clear; so T'ing-kiang is a clear river, while Ta T'ing means great pure (name of present month), and Kwo being a kingdom or empire. Ta-T'ing Kwo signifies the Empire of the Great Pure (China).—Daybreak.

TO CURE CATARRH.

Don't Drug the Stomach, Breathe Nature's Remedy, Catarrhazone—Both Pleasant and Sure to Cure.

Catarrhazone always cures because it reaches the source of the disease quickly and thoroughly. Its healing vapor penetrates the minutest air cells of the nasal passages, throat, and lungs. It attacks the cause of the disease, direct, and doesn't work in a round about way through the stomach.

The antiseptics in Catarrhazone kill the germs that cause catarrh. It clears the nostrils, cures headache and foul breath, and it prevents drooping of the throat, allays inflammation, heals sore spots and stops running at the nose.

So certain is Catarrhazone to relieve and cure that doctors, ministers and public speakers keep it as their stand-by for coughs, colds, catarrh and throat trouble. Because it lasts so long it is cheap, and it is sure to cure even the poorest can afford to buy it.

Mrs. J. A. Morris, of Perth, Ont., writes: "I cannot withhold my testimony for Catarrhazone. It cured my daughter of chronic catarrh and I therefore heartily recommend it to all sufferers. No house should be without Catarrhazone."

Two months' treatment, hard rubber inhaler and extra liquid costs only one dollar; sample size 25c. Sold by all druggists or by mail from W. C. Fulton & Co., Kingston, Ont., or Hartford, Conn., U. S. A. Order Catarrhazone now.

SENATOR HANNA DEAD.

Passed Away After an Illness Which Lasted Two Weeks.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Marcus A. Hanna, United States Senator from Ohio, and one of the foremost figures in American public life, died this evening in his apartments at the Arlington hotel, at 6:40 p. m., of typhoid fever, after an illness of two weeks. He passed away at that time without pain after being unconscious since 3 a. m., at which time the first of a series of sinking spells came on, from the last of which he never rallied.

All the members of the family, with one or two exceptions, were at the bedside when he came.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 1904 to 1905, February, 1904. The chief feature of the weather conditions during this week has been the prevalence of abnormally low barometric pressure, not only on this coast, but extending southward to California, while over Northern British Columbia and the Territories the barometer has remained high and the weather very cold. The Pacific storm, therefore, which at this season of the year usually spreads east to the coast of this province, has been deflected in some cases extending to California before crossing the mountains. This southern course has caused a considerable amount of cold north and east winds and sleet and rain both on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, while extending to California heavy though most beneficial rains have occurred upon several days.

The most severe storm of the week in this vicinity occurred on the night of the 16th, when the wind reached a velocity of 45 miles for some hours. This storm appeared to hover on the coast, and by the night of the 11th the barometer here had fallen to 29.98 inches and was followed by strong southeasterly winds. Upon Sunday, 14th, another severe gale moved down the coast, and though it was of little importance in this vicinity at Cape Mudge the wind reached a velocity of 68 miles an hour.

Throughout this week the weather in Northern British Columbia has been decidedly cold, and in the Territories and Manitoba zero weather has been common. Upon two days temperatures of 40 below zero were reported at several stations.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 12 hours and 39 minutes; mean, 59.1; highest temperature, 46.0 on 15th; and lowest, 34.2 on 10th, 11th and 14th.

New Westminster—Rain, 92 inches; mean, 2.22 inches; highest temperature, 44 on 10th; and lowest, 10 on 10th.

Kamloops—Snow, 8 inches; highest temperature, 34 on 10th; and lowest, 2 below on 10th.

Barkerville—Snow, 12.40 inches; highest temperature, 28 on 10th; lowest, 18 below on 14th.

Dawson—Highest temperature, 4 below on 15th; lowest, 38 below on 10th.

The following is the summary of weather for January, 1904:

Victoria, V. I. 4.05 2.85 4.32
Beaver Lake, V. I. 6.12 4.00 6.52
Goldstream, V. I. 8.71 21.00 10.81
Sooke Lake, V. I. 11.53 8.00 12.53
Alberni, V. I. 12.56 15.00 14.96
Nanaimo, V. I. 7.33 2.00 7.93
Kuper Island, V. I. 5.00 8.18
Vancouver 8.65 3.00 8.89
New Westminster 10.00 9.63
Point Garry 8.80 13.50 8.15
Kamloops 5.97 4.50 6.42
Dognitun 12.10 13.00 13.40
Kamloops 24.00 24.60
Barkerville 35.00 5.60
Quesnel 0.97 24.50 2.52
Port Simpson 13.81 14.25 15.24
Nanaimo Harbour 3.21 68.00 10.61
Esquimalt 11.71 20.77

At Vancouver, highest temperature, 50.0 on 15th; lowest, 20.0 on 12th; mean for month, 38.87.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 56.0 on 12th; lowest, 26.0 on 10th; mean for month, 38.9; number of hours of bright sunshine, 20.48.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 49.1 on 11th; lowest, 15.0 on 12th; mean for month, 37.6.

At Quesnel, highest temperature, 46.0 on 7th; lowest, 28 below zero on 12th; mean for month, 35.54.

At Port Simpson, highest temperature, 54.7 on 20th; lowest, 10.8 on 10th; mean for month, 34.36.

At Alberni, highest temperature, 49.1 on 11th; lowest, 15.0 on 12th; mean for month, 37.6.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 45.5 on 10th; lowest, 0.5 below zero on 10th; mean for month, 26.1.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 26.0 on 7th, 12th, 29th; lowest, 14 below zero on 10th; mean for month, 18.64.

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At Alberni, highest temperature, 49.1 on 11th; lowest, 15.0 on 12th; mean for month, 37.6.

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Advertisement for 'The British Columbia' featuring a large illustration of a house and text describing its features and location.

Advertisement for 'A FEW NECESSITIES in Every Household' listing various household items like coffee mills, clothes driers, salt boxes, sink brushes, etc., with prices.

Advertisement for 'You Will Find it If You Look in the Right Place' listing various goods like Ogilvie's Hungarian Flour, Maitoba Rolled Oats, etc., with prices.

Advertisement for 'Dixie H. Ross & Co., CASH GROCERS' with the slogan 'The Only Independent Grocers.'

Advertisement for 'Lenten Attractions' with the slogan 'Lowest Prices, Highest Quality.'

Advertisement for 'The Saunders' Grocery Co., Ltd. The "West End" Grocery Co., Ltd.' with phone numbers and addresses.

Advertisement for 'PREPARING FOR THE COMING CONVENTION' regarding the Provincial Mining Association.

Advertisement for 'THE TOURIST TRAVEL' listing various travel services and agents.

Advertisement for 'ITCHING, BURNING SKIN DISEASES' and 'TO CURE A COLIC IN ONE DAY' with medical advice.

Advertisement for 'AFTERNOON MEETING OF RICHARD' with details about the meeting.

Advertisement for 'BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR MT. SICKLE' with details about the company's reorganization.

Advertisement for 'The Company Will Reorganize Further Stock in Order to Improve Facilities.' with details about the company's financial situation.

Advertisement for 'The balance sheet shows the value of ore raised during the development work.' with details about the company's production.

Advertisement for 'A contract has been entered into with the Northwest Smelting Company of Crofton, V. I.' with details about the contract.

Advertisement for 'This proposed reconstruction organization under the name of Richard H. Mining Company' with details about the proposal.

Advertisement for 'Important business was by the city council at their special meeting on Wednesday' with details about the council's actions.

Advertisement for 'Your committee, who have better in hand, beg to report that impracticable to carry out the report contained in the latter part of the report presented by the Mayor Bernard' with details about the committee's report.

Advertisement for 'Lifeguard Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.' with details about the soap's benefits.

Advertisement for 'An offer from John Haggerty 5,000 to 8,000 cubic yard at 40 cents per yard, to be within thirty days, was filed' with details about the offer.

BROS. VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA. Every Household... 40c to \$2.00 ca... From \$4.50 ca

ANNUAL MEETING OF RICHARD III. BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR MT. SICKER MINE

The annual meeting of the Richard III. Development Company, Limited, which has made such remarkable progress in its mine at Mount Sicker, was held yesterday at Durcans. The attendance was excellent. C. H. Dickie, ex-M. P., presided. The directors' report was presented. It was as follows: The directors beg to submit herewith, balance sheet, covering the period from the date of incorporation to the 31st of January last.

The company has steadily pushed the development of the mine, and now has a total of 2,650 feet of workings, which includes shaft 500 feet, drifts, upraises and crosscuts, 2,150 feet. Ore has been found in all of the four drifts west of the shaft and in the 400-foot drift ore bodies were encountered, of which the shareholders were informed by a circular letter in September last. Before sinking to the 50-foot level. This has been done rich ore was encountered, and stopping is now being proceeded with from this level.

The balance sheet shows the estimated value of ore raised during the carrying on of the development work. Sufficient work has not been done to make it possible to determine with any accuracy the tonnage of ore in sight, but undoubtedly large bodies will be encountered as stopping continues. The mine is in good shape to guarantee small daily tonnage for at least several months, but the indications are such as to lead the directors to expect that "large bodies of high grade ore will be encountered in the immediate future."

A sample ton of ore was shipped to the Lady Smith smelter, and the assay shows 32.2 per cent copper, 1.1 per cent silver, 23.85 oz. and gold, .96. The smelter returns show the value per ton, after deducting their charges, of \$24.94. This, it should be noted, is the value on a commercial basis.

A contract has been entered into with the Northwestern Smelting & Refining Company, of Crofton, B. C., for the treatment of ore. To the arrangement of this contract the directors gave careful consideration, and with the result that the terms are as advantageous as could be expected for the company.

The retiring directors are Mr. H. Smith and Mr. T. A. Wood. Both these gentlemen are eligible and offer themselves for re-election to the office. To the arrangement of this contract the directors gave careful consideration, and with the result that the terms are as advantageous as could be expected for the company.

The proposed reconstruction of the organization under the name of the Richard III. Mining Company was presented. There will be 60,000 shares put on the market at par, \$1 each, and will be available in about two weeks. Already present shareholders have applied for many of the shares. The funds will be applied to the final payment of the bond and the equipment of the mine so as to increase the output.

Mr. Dickie, in his address, spoke enthusiastically of the prospects at the mine. At present they were working in an ore chute which averaged 1,300 feet in an easterly direction, and was four feet wide, and still widening. The ore in this chute would give total values of \$100 a ton.

BALKANS BE SCENE OF WAR

TURKEY AND BULGARIA PREPARE FOR HOSTILITIES

Eight Hundred Albanians Reported Killed and Wounded in a Fight With Turks.

Constantinople, Feb. 17.—Sixteen thousand Albanians are in revolt in the district of Diakova against the reform plans of the powers for Macedonia and obnoxious taxes.

In conflicts which have been taking place between Albanians and Ottoman troops, the latter were worsted. Large reinforcements have been dispatched to Diakova.

The Albanians attacked the town on February 13th and plundered and burned a number of houses. Turkish forces subsequently attacked the insurgents, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

Ferocious activity continues among the Turkish authorities in Bulgaria. The frontier, in accumulating stores and repairing roads for the expected massing of troops.

One Hundred Dead. Salonica, Macedonia, Feb. 17.—Shemal Pasha, with 2,500 Turkish troops and three guns, is reported to be besieging 20,000 Albanians at Babajosh, between Diakova and Ipek. The Turks are said to have already lost 100 men. Strong reinforcements under Shakin Pasha are hurrying to the relief of Shemal Pasha.

Business Transacted. By the Victoria Trades and Labor Council Wednesday Evening.

At Wednesday's regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council a communication was read from Secretary Draper, of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, suggesting that copies of the report of the legislative committee on the findings of the labor commission be forwarded to all members of the Dominion parliament. The secretary was instructed to urge the Dominion Trades and Labor Council to bring the matter before parliament.

PAARDEBERG DAY

Celebration in Honor of Canadian Bravery in South Africa Will Take Place To-night.

In honor of the patriotism of Canadians, and among them many Victorians, Paardeberg Day will be fittingly celebrated at the drill hall this evening. An excellent program of entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Fifth Regiment. It is expected that the citizens will give evidence that they have not forgotten the brave deeds of the Canadian contingents in South Africa, and will in consequence crowd the drill hall this evening.

At 8 o'clock the distribution of prizes will take place, followed by an excellent programme. The greatest care has been taken in the preparation for the entertainment. By beginning at 8 o'clock it will be completed by 11 o'clock. The complete programme is as follows: 1. Bugle band; 2. Physical drill with arms, No. 3 company; 3. Boxing contest; 4. Physical drill, without arms, Nos. 5 and 6 companies; 5. J. M. Finn's band; 6. Sword exercise, No. 4 company; 7. 12-pounder drill, Nos. 1 and 2 companies; 8. Aug-of-war, No. 5 company vs. No. 6 company; 9. Tableaux, soldiers of the King; God Save the King.

Proceedings of the Preliminary Trial. Three More Witnesses Were Examined This Morning—Another Argument Over Chinese Oath.

The case of Wong Gow and Wong On, charged with the murder of Man Quon, was continued in the police court this morning. Wong Fook, who was sworn last Saturday, was called to the witness stand.

Mr. Moresby conducted the examination. The witness, through the interpreter, described in detail the altercation between Man Quon, the late manager of the Queen City, and Wong Fook, who was his friend on the Friday night preceding the fatal assault, which agreed pretty closely with the story told by Ah Fat, the first witness for the prosecution.

On the next night, (Saturday) witness went to Man Quon's room in the Chinese theatre. There were several others present. After the manager had finished his work he came to his room. While the table was being prepared for the supper a stranger entered the room and asked which was Quon. Man Quon arose from the table and said, "Wong Fook, who is sitting here, is my friend."

Mr. Taylor reserved his cross-examination until the Chinese witnesses were finished. Shi Quon was then called. He was asked what oath was most binding on his conscience, and replied that any one who swears by the Bible, the Koran, or the Quran, is a Christian.

Mr. Taylor objected to the swearing of this witness at all. He was not in such a formal state as to appreciate his obligation. He was not sworn. He was incompetent to take an oath.

DIRTYED IN WITH ONE MAN ABOARD

SORRY FLIGHT OF A LUMBER SCHOONER

Dismasted and Leaking—Captain and Five Men Who Took to Boats Missing—Notes.

At the time of going to press Tuesday afternoon the Times received a message from the West Coast reporting that some dismasted sailing vessel had blown ashore near Clayoquot. She could be seen from shore slowly beheading landward, and it was at once evident that she was helpless. Sails were gone, rigging missing and not a sign of life was to be observed until the steamer hull rolled gradually towards shore, and she was boarded by a couple of Indians, Jos. Jackson and Joe Tim of Clayoquot.

The hull proved to be that of the schooner Emma Uter of San Francisco, a lumber carrier which had cleared from Gray's Harbor for her home port with 300,000 feet of the Tahiti ink aboard, a lone member of the crew was found named Harry Bryndall. He tells the story of the vessel's terrible plight. All hands had deserted the craft, and had taken to the boats, but Bryndall stayed with her thinking that in doing so his only chance of safety lay.

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LEGAL NEWS

Applications Made Before Mr. Justice Drake This Morning in Chambers.

In Chambers on Monday, a number of applications taken before Mr. Justice Drake were allowed to stand over. The following were disposed of: Colos vs. G. P. R. Co. J. H. Lawson made application for permission to examine plaintiff. The order was made.

Leonra Richards deceased. Application made by L. P. Duff, K. C., for letters of administration to husband, W. J. Taylor, K. C. Application also for letters of administration on behalf of one of sons. It was granted to the husband, Estate of Ephraim Chauspoux deceased. W. J. Taylor, K. C., applied for letters of administration. This was granted.

PERSONAL. During their present tour of the Pacific Coast the receipts from shows given by the Polards amounts to something like \$33,000. This statement was made by Mrs. Muller, the advance agent, who arrives in the city on Tuesday. When it is considered that the prices charged are moderate the figure quoted gives a faint idea of the popularity of "the kiddies."

THE STEEL, BRIGGS SEED CO., LIMITED. Canada's Greatest Seed House. WINNIPEG, Man. TORONTO, ONT.

COULD NOT RECOVER LOGS. The Albion returned Tuesday from down the Straits where she had gone on Monday last with a number of loggers endeavor to save the boom of logs which piled ashore near the Jordan river in the heavy southeast on Thursday last. The logs were being towed from San Juan to Blaine. In the boom there were 350,000 feet. They were fastened to three long cables, and each log was secured by a hook. When the wind arose the tug was crawling along with them under the lee shore. All at once the gale veered around, and before the tug had time to better her position the logs were driven over her. She piled one on top of the other, and with the cables holding them soon got into an inextricable mess. The loggers, who were out of sight with a good chance of finding them, were unable to do anything with them, and the steamer had to return yesterday minus a log. The boom represents a loss of about \$3,000, which is covered by insurance.

NOT CONTRABAND OF WAR. A special dispatch to the Times from Ottawa Wednesday states that Dominion government has been advised from London that flour and food stuffs are not contraband of war.

MARINE NOTES. Hinkson Siddell, marshal of the Admiralty court, Victoria, has returned from the Mainland, having sold at auction the steamship steamer Hamlin to H. Jones, of Vancouver, for \$25,000. The steamer Lyro is due to-day from the Orient. The vessel has about 1,000 tons of general cargo to discharge here.

SICK AT YOUR STOMACH. Perhaps feeling as if the bottom had dropped out of your life, it's Nervine you want. Nothing restores quiet and order to the stomach so quickly. All squeamishness and nausea goes away the minute you take Nervine, and an extra dose or two is always sufficient to bring a first-class stomach back to normal. Nervine is an old tested remedy for stomach and bowel troubles, and always can be relied on. Sold in large 25c bottles.

TO ASSESS DAMAGES FOR ILLEGAL SEIZURE

Commission Will Sit in London for That Purpose a Week From Monday.

A special dispatch from the Times's Ottawa correspondent says that a commission to assess damages from seizure of Canadian vessels in Behring Sea by Russians some years ago will meet in London on the 25th inst.

GOING TO HUDSON BAY. Government Arranging to Dispatch Supplies—Vessel May Patrol Mouth of the Mackenzie.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The government is arranging to send supplies to Supt. Moody and his party at Hudson Bay. This second vessel will remain in Hudson Bay all summer, returning to Halifax before the straits close up. It is likely that a vessel will be sent next season to patrol the mouth of the Mackenzie river, where Americans carry on whale fishing.

COMPANIES INCORPORATED. The List Appearing in This Week's Gazette is a Long One. This week's Gazette contains notices of the incorporation of the following companies: M. W. Waitt & Company, Limited, with a capital of \$125,000.

MORRIS-BROOKS. Nuptials of Well Known Victorian and Saanich Lady Celebrated Thursday.

THE NELL'S VOYAGE. It is not after that the little northern packet Nell, Captain Oliver, completes a routine voyage than ended on Tuesday morning, and it is seldom she carries so large a complement of passengers as she had on her return trip. Passengers had to be refused accommodation in the north. They had been looking for the arrival of the Tees, but that vessel had been ordered to quarantine, they had to wait the next steamer sailing, which was the Nell. Among those who came were...

WHEN ALL OTHERS FAIL. To relieve constipated headache just try Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Bismuth. Wonderfully prompt and never cause griping pains. For headache and biliousness use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

RUSSIAN PROTEST. London, Feb. 17.—The Russian government has protested against the British expedition into Tibet. ONE CAUSE OF ANAEMIA. It is well known to be constipation which can be avoided if Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Bismuth are occasionally used. Unequaled for the stomach, liver and bowels. Use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills; price 25c.

Find It Right Place. We will give you the best quality. If you want the best... FLOUR, Sack... \$1.35... 20c... 25c... & Co., Ltd. 39 and 41, Johnson Street. Berry Co., Ltd., 42 Government Street.

Another column of this paper, by the city which sends him of twenty delegates to this convention and the provincial executive in other branches will do properly as well as that a good attendance at the convention is assured. The convention of the Victoria branch invites the co-operation of the Victoria in securing the success of the convention, and to that end all to enrol themselves as members and pay the annual fee of \$1. Slip rolls will be found at all the large stores, and at the office of secretary treasurer, Joshua King, secretary, Frank I. Clarke. Slip badges may be had at Halloran & Mitchell's or at Berry's office.

DEMON OF ALL DISEASES—Kidneys are rightly so-called—they're filthy, unaccountable and malicious. Functions of the kidneys to filter impurities. If they're clogged South Kidney Cure will put them to rights and the rest of the body will be benefited.

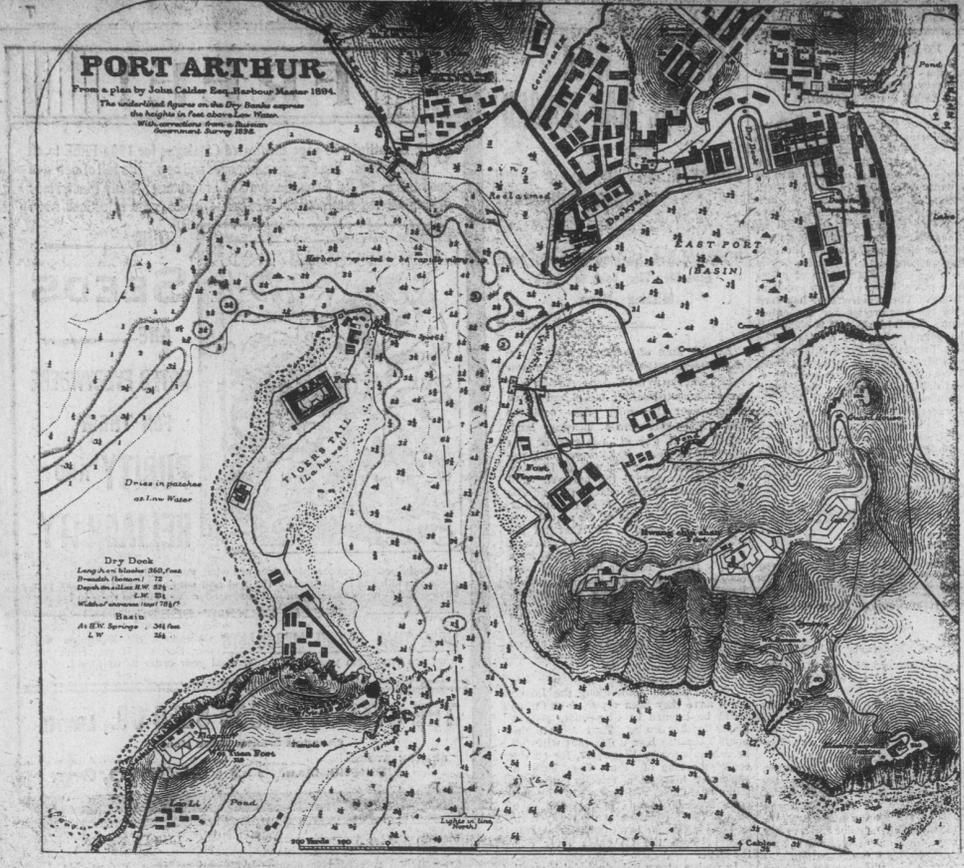
SOAP—Disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as against infectious diseases.

RECORD—The record for cheap management of railways. Only 48 per cent of earnings are spent in management.

BORN. EL—On Feb. 14th, the wife of Mr. Hartung, of a son.

MARRIED. LIOTT—At Vancouver, on Feb. 15th, Rev. R. G. MacBeth, Thomas and Miss Evelyn Evelyn Elliott.

DIED. On the 16th, at Sahlund, B. C., Mr. Robinson, aged 80 years. On the 16th, at Sahlund, B. C., Mrs. Smith, aged 69 years.



PLAN OF PORT ARTHUR, SHOWING LOCATION OF BATTERIES AND DOCKS.
 Reproduced through courtesy of T. N. Hibben & Co., agents for Admiralty Charts, for the official map.

The above plans of the harbor of Port Arthur is taken from the admiralty charts. Capt. Casper J. Baker, of H. M. S. Flora, who was formerly stationed in the East, has given the Times considerable information respecting the harbor. The east part is the harbor proper. When he visited the place the remaining part of the harbor was practically worthless for large vessels. He does not know what improvements the Russians may have carried out. The entrance and western part may have been dredged out considerably within the past year. He was given to understand that the western portion of the harbor was diffi-

cult to improve on account of rock being encountered. The drydock, Capt. Baker thinks, would not be capable of handling all the vessels composing the Russian fleet. The dimensions of the drydock are given as follows: Length on blocks, 339 feet; breadth, bottom, 75 feet; depth on sill at high water, 32 1/2 feet; depth on sill at low water, 23 1/2 feet; width of entrance at top, 183 feet. In addition to this there is a small torpedo drydock at the harbor. Port Arthur, on account of its low water, was never regarded as a good harbor. It is open during the winter months, and was therefore valuable to

the Russians, as Vladivostok is ice-bound in the winter. Capt. Baker was unaware of any bay called Pigeon bay in the vicinity of Port Arthur, as was alluded to in the dispatches telling of the capture of the city by the Japanese. The only way in which he could explain such a thing taking place would be by the planting of batteries by the Japs on the high ground south of Wei Yuen fort and in that way silencing the forts on the west side of the entrance. The forts commanding the approaches to Port Arthur were considered very strong, Capt. Baker says. He was refused admission to them and in conse-

quence knows nothing of their actual armament. The Korean coast line, the captain says, is a rough one. The Korean government has given no attention to providing aids to navigation, and in consequence it is a dangerous one for navigators. Chemulpo, the seaport of Seoul, the capital of Korea, is unprotected as far as land defences are concerned. The distance between the port and the capital is short and is traversed by a railway line. In the northern interior gold mines are being operated by a United States company. Pierpont Morgan is said to be interested in it.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS BEFORE PRESBYTERY

Meeting Held at Nanaimo Yesterday—Reports of Missions and Financial Condition Dealt With.

The Presbytery of Victoria, and of Nanaimo Tuesday, a good representation of members being present. Rev. N. W. Carr, moderator, presided. After the arrival of the noon train the members of the Presbytery were conducted by Rev. J. M. Millan, pastor of St. Andrew's church, to the lecture room of the church, where the ladies had prepared an excellent lunch, to which "the gentlemen of the cloth" did ample justice, and after which they spent a happy twenty minutes in humorous and merry speechmaking, and thinking the fair daughters of the Diamond City for their hospitality.

Upon the court being constituted, Rev. Mr. MacFarlane, a carefully prepared financial and statistical report, which showed the progress of the congregations in the bounds. Dr. Campbell submitted a full report of the home and Chinese foreign mission work at Victoria, Cumberland, Ladysmith and Duncan, Alberni, Chemalut, Dodge's Cove and Ahousaht.

The court recommended that Albert's boarding school be raised to an industrial school. Rev. Mr. Clay read the home mission report, which was full, and placed the whole home mission work in the bounds shortly before the members.

Rev. Mr. McCoy was appointed pastor to the East End mission, which work he can easily and efficiently do beyond his college work. Rev. Mr. Taylor was appointed to Alberni. A call from Cumberland to Rev. J. R. Elmsburn was submitted, and the instruction to the pastor to be arranged to take place on the 10th, proximo. An overture was sent to the General Assembly advocating that steps be taken to have the travelling expenses of delegates to that court paid. As at present such men have to bear his own expenses. Rev. W. L. Clay and Dr. Campbell, ministers, and His Hon. Judge Forbes, of New Brunswick, and Thornton Fell, of Victoria, were elected delegates to represent the Presbytery at the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada at St. John, N. B.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's church of this city next Tuesday to complete unfinished business.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED.

Baltimore, Feb. 17.—Harian Williams, president of the Home Fire Insurance Company, of Baltimore, was appointed receiver for that company today, and gave bonds to the sum of \$500,000, indicating liabilities of \$450,000. E. S. Wolf, president of the Firemen's Insurance Company, of Baltimore, was appointed receiver for that company and was bonded for \$500,000, indicating liabilities of \$400,000.

FOR FALSE SWEARING.

Vancouver, Feb. 16.—Foo Wah and Lai Ping were sentenced this morning to two and eight years respectively for false swearing in accusing a Japanese, Yamashita, with the murder of Charlie Slag at Stoveston.

THE LATE SENATOR HANNA.

Funeral Service Conducted by Rev. Dr. Hale in the Senate Chamber.

Washington, Feb. 17.—In the presence of the grief-stricken family, of many friends, of members of the Senate and House of Representatives, of dignitaries from all the branches of the government, and of the chief officials representative of the foreign powers, the funeral of the late Senator Mark A. Hanna occurred today in the Senate chamber. The ceremony was dignified and simple. The floor of the chamber was filled with the representatives of the official life of the national capital, the galleries with people from all the higher walks of society, including the families of officials and many persons of distinction in professional and business world. In the front rank of the assemblage gathered immediately about the bier of the departed statesman sat President Roosevelt. He was flanked by the members of his cabinet. Nearby were the Chief Justice and the associate justice of the Supreme court. There were hardly any absentees from among the members of the Senate. The desk of their late colleague was heavily draped. The religious ceremony was in the hands of Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the Senate.

FROM OLD COUNTRY.

Two Hundred Settlers Reached Winnipeg To-day. New Immigration Building Will Be Erected.

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—Two hundred old country settlers arrived in the city today. Dominion Exhibition. Arrangements have been made for 8,000 feet of floor space for the Dominion exhibition. Will Appeal. Manitoba will take the swamp lands case to the highest court in the empire. The decision went against the province, but Attorney-General Campbell announces an appeal will be taken to the Privy Council.

Pastor Resigns. Rev. Neill Herman, pastor of the First Baptist church, Portage la Prairie, has resigned owing to ill-health, and will go south. New Buildings. Commissioner Smith, of the immigration department, has returned from a trip to Ottawa. The new immigration building in that city to be erected this year will cost \$200,000.

TWO KILLED.

Easton, Pa., Feb. 17.—Two Pennsylvania round coal trains collided today at Washington Crossing, N. J. Engineer Charles Herbert and Fireman William Workman, both of Phillipsburg, N. Y., were killed.

SCHOONER WROCKED.

London, Feb. 17.—The British schooner Robert, Captain Rowe, from St. Johns, Nfld., January 17th, for Gibraltar, has been wrecked at Flores, Azores Island.

FIRE AT PEORIA.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 17.—The feed house of the Great Western distillery was destroyed by fire to-day, with a loss of \$75,000.

THE BYE-ELECTIONS IN EASTERN CANADA

Results of Polling in Eight Constituencies—Hon. C. Sifton Will Run for Brandon.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Following are the successful candidates in the bye-elections which were held in the East yesterday: East Lambton—Armstrong, Conservative; majority, 515. East Bruce—Donnelly, Conservative; majority, 171. Hochelaga—Rivet, Liberal; majority, 291. St. James—Gervais, Liberal; majority, 629. St. Hyacinthe—Blanchet, Liberal; majority, 185. Montmagny—Lavergne, Liberal; majority, 210. St. John N. B.—Daniels, Conservative; majority, 275. Queen's West, P. E. I.—Hazard, Liberal; majority, 285. Declined. Hon. Clifford Sifton has declined the offer tendered him recently of the Liberal nomination in the electoral district of Rainy River and Thunder Bay, which includes Port Arthur, Fort William and Lac Portage. He has made up his mind to stand by Brandon, which returned him in 1896 and again at the last general election.

Anxious to Finish Work. A letter received in Ottawa from a Grand Trunk engineer says the Baldwin Locomotive Company is authorized to offer him as high as \$18 a day to work for the Russian government on the trans-Siberian railway.

RATE WAR THREATENED.

Reduction of Freight Charges on Lake Grain For Export. Ottawa, Feb. 16.—W. F. King, chief astronomer of Canada, representing the Dominion government, and Mr. Littman, head of the coast and geodetic survey, representing the United States, have been appointed to delineate the Alaska boundary line, for which provision was made at the tribunal which sat in London, England, last summer. A meeting will be held immediately, most probably at Washington, by Messrs. King and Littman to make all necessary arrangements for the prosecution of the work.

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STEAMERS FINED

For Violation of Steamboat Inspection Laws and Inland Rules.

Port Townsend, Feb. 18.—Collector of Customs (in at noon today) assessed fines on sixteen steamers plying on Puget Sound for violations of the steamboat inspection laws and regulations and inland rules to prevent collision between vessels. Those fined under the inland rules were not provided with an efficient fog horn, the ones on board being small horns fixed to a land bellowing device by month and giving forth a short weak blast. The violations of the steamboat inspection laws and regulations consisted chiefly of shortage of fire axes, fire buckets, insufficient cars in the lifeboats, lack of notices in places prescribed by law as to where and how to find and put on life preservers, lifeboats without plugs and in some instances, without drains or vents, capacity of boats and the nets not marked. In some cases the boat falls and painters were found in deck and wood.

The following were fined \$500 each: Steamer City of Everett, Seattle; steamer Farallon, Port Townsend; steamer Robert Dollan, San Francisco; steamer City of Denver, Seattle; steamer Athlon, Seattle; steamer Sarah M. Renton, Port Blakely; steamer Advance, Paulsbo. The following were fined \$750 each: Steamer Island Flyer, Seattle; steamer Geo. E. Starr, Seattle; steamer Porterchard, Seattle; steamer Blanche, Port Blakely; steamer Jeanie, Seattle; steamer Rosalie, Port Townsend; steamer Albi, San Francisco; steamer Cottage City, San Francisco; steamer Florence K, Seattle.

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BOMB OUTRAGE.

Exploded During Patriotic Services in Russian Church—Two Persons Killed and Several Injured. Baku, Russian Trans-Caucasia, Feb. 15.—During a patriotic service in the Army church, to-day, just as the clergy had ended chanting a Te Deum and praying for the success of the Russian army, a bomb was thrown at the officiating priest. Two persons were killed and several injured.

After the excitement had been allayed the congregation proceeded in procession to the residence of the governor carrying the Czar's portrait and presented the governor with a patriotic address and \$5,000 for the families of the victims of the outrages.

DOWIE MOBBED.

Driven From Hall at Sydney, N. S. W., and Was Also Forced to Flee From Hotel. New York, Feb. 17.—John Alexander Dowie, of Zion City, Ills., has been compelled to flee in a cab to escape a mob, according to a dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., to the correspondent of the American.

Rowdy scenes have characterized his meetings, and these culminated when a crowd broke up the exercises and drove Dowie out of the hall. He escaped in a cab, but a howling mob of 5,000 followed to his hotel. The police were unable to check the crowd, and Dowie is said to have left the hotel through a rear door.

CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.

John Morley's Amendment Defeated by 327 Votes to 276. London, Feb. 18.—By a vote of 327 to 276 the House of Commons to-night defeated John Morley's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne censuring the government's fiscal policy. The division took the form of a vote of want of confidence in the government, which impelled many Unionists who totally disagree with the idea of protection to vote to keep Premier Balfour in power.

John Redmond, the Irish leader, said the Irish party voted against the government solely to forward the cause of home rule. He added the same action would be taken against every government until Home Rule is secured. Neither the speeches to-night nor the division can be taken as an accurate indication of the probable trend of the British opinion on the fiscal question.

In the lobbies of the House of Commons it was frankly admitted that votes were given to the government which may be counted on the opposite side when a general election on the basis of free trade vs. protection occurs. A large crowd heard the debate. Scarcely a member of the House who voted with the government to-night did not frankly admit his ignorance of the degree of freedom which the cabinet is really committed. The hopeless division of opinion among members has been a feature of the discussion.

STAGE COACH HELD UP.

Robbers Rifled Mail Bags and One Believed to Have Secured Considerable Money. Lake City, Colo., Feb. 16.—The stage which runs between Lake City and Sapinero has been held up by masked men and the contents of the mail bag rifled. This is the first time in the history of this vicinity it is believed considerable money was secured by the robbers, who escaped in a sheriff's posse has gone in pursuit of them.

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Records and Rules of American Athletic Union Destroyed by Fire. New York, Feb. 17.—All the minutes, records, rules and other data gathered since the beginning of the American Athletic Union, in 1888, have been destroyed in the fire which gutted Heller's restaurant building, 16-18 Park Place. The records were on file in the office of Secretary Sullivan, of the American Athletic Union, who also is a director of sports for the St. Louis exposition. Besides this matter, which probably cannot be replaced, Sullivan lost a valuable lot of curios, photos and books collected during forty years by the late Wm. B. Curtis, "Father of American athletics," who was frozen to death while attempting to scale Mount Washington.

SOLDIERS AS HOSTS.

Entertain Large Number of Guests at Fives Court Last Evening. Those who attended the social at Fives Court, Work Point barracks, as guests of the Warrant Officers, Staff-Sergeants and Sergeant's Club, Monday night, describe it as one of the most enjoyable events ever held in that part of the city. As hosts the military men showed themselves to be unexcelled, and no detail requisite to the pleasure of those present omitted. The amusements were of great variety, including ping pong, checkers, cards, target shooting, etc., while dancing was a feature of the evening's entertainment.

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JAPAN INCREASES EXHIBIT.
 Will Apply For the Space Abandoned By Russia at Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 17.—Upon the heels of the announcement from St. Petersburg that Russia will abandon her proposed exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exhibition, Mr. Hajime, assistant commissioner general from Japan, has announced that every foot of exhibit space that is given up by Russia will be applied for by Japan. The Japanese commissioner states that the commission has ample exhibit material either here or on its way from Japan with which to fill the additional space. In fact, one of the difficulties that confronted the commissioner from the first was the question of how large they could make their exhibit, but how best to confine it within the space allotted.

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NOTE.
 Take notice that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following land, situate on the Eckstall River, Cassiar District, and particularly described as follows: Commencing at the corner of the "E. corner," thence west 30 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 30 chains, thence north 40 chains, comprising an island containing 80 acres more or less called "Great Island." The above land lies less than the junction of the Eckstall River with the Skeena River.
 December 20th, 1904.
MARTIN LETNES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
 In the Matter of Margaret Isabella Gill, Deceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrator's Act.
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MANY TROOPS ARRIVE
 Over One Hundred Thousand Soldiers Expected at Harbin in Course of Few Days. Paris, Feb. 19.—A representative of the Russian military concentration at Harbin reports that 100,000 men from the divisions of Kow, Kief and Warsaw. The days shall have elapsed, the Russian army has disposed of an additional 400,000 men through Manchuria. Intense demoralization among the populace, and the surrounding villages are into the town, seeking to Western Russia. The railways, however, are blocked, and voyagers are thus held. The cold prevailing increases the difficulties in the way of the difficult bringing forward of troops. Significance is attached to Figsar discussing the possible retreat of the Russian forces from Port Arthur towards the north. Figsar, which is intensely pro-Russian court, says: "The Russian operations have had the effect of confirming Viceroy Alexieff to withdraw northward toward Harbin."

The military editor of the declares this would be a tactical movement, as the troops are better able to stand further north. **DARING TACTICS.**
 Japanese Torpedo Attack Defeated at Range of Five Hundred Yards. New York, Feb. 19.—The cruiser Bayan, according to reports from Tokyo, is said to have been the vessel most damaged in the last torpedo attack of Port Arthur, Sunday, February 15. The Japanese attacked with torpedoes at a distance of only yards. As the result of the action Port Arthur Russian warships are in a state of demoralization. It is believed there will be further naval engagements with the place in the open sea, as the use of torpedo boats can do most cheaply.

RETREAT TO HARBOR
 London, Feb. 19.—Little Far news appears in the press this morning with the exception of official dispatches and the comment is made that reports of Viceroy Alexieff are remarkable mostly for what they do not say. It is believed now, both in London and on the continent, that Viceroy Alexieff has decided to fall back upon Port Arthur and the whole of Manchuria to Japan, and that he is confident that the reduction of Port Arthur and Vladivostok will occupy the time which he is concentrating his forces upon the activity which is seen in the preparation for any emergency. The fact that the manufacturer of fixed ammunition have been shifted since Christmas, and