OMAHA, MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 29, 1904.

Pourteen Lives Lot as Result of the Marine Disaster.

VESSEL HAS HARROWING EXPERIENCE

While Lashed by Sterm Flames Shoot from Sa'orn.

PASSENGERS CHOOSE BETWEEN DEATHS

1. For the purpose of maintaining a permanent and solid friendship between Japan and Corea and firmly establishing peace in the far east the government of Corea shall place full confidence in the government of Japan and adopt the advice of the latter regarding the improvement of the administration. Behind Them Walls of Fire, Before Them Mountainous Waves.

TWO BOATS OF HUMAN FREIGHT CAPSIZE

Remaining Passengers and Crev Fight Flames and Finally Save the Ship, Which Reaches Port.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Feb. 38. After suffering the most harrowing experience from fire and storm that has ever befallen a craft on the North Pacific coast, the steamer Queen put In here today to report the loss of fourteen lives. The dead:

First class passengers: MISS STEINER of Clellum, Wash.

MRS. ADAMS, died from exposure. Second class passengers:

NEWBBURY of Texas.

H. RUCKLEY, drowned.

Members of the crew; A. NIELSON.

NEILSON.

P. FREITAS. Stewards:

W. H. ENEM. M. SOMERS.

DOUGLAS. A. DONNELLY. -RAYMOND.

Engineer department: PETER MULIN.

M. FLYNN. About 2:45 o'clock Saturday morning while off the mouth of the Columbia river the Queen caught fire in its after saloon in some unexplained way. With indescribable swiftness the fire gained headway and threatened soon to envelope the whole ship. To add to the horror the heavy seas meant death to any person sent away in the lifeboats.

The fiames became more and more threat enting, until, when it seemed a choice of deaths, Captain Cousins ordered the lifeboats launched. They were manned by the crew and ordered to remain close to the ship. Into these the women and children were placed Hardly, however, had the boats been cast luose than, unable to weather the fierce waves, two or them were

capsized. The passengers and those of the crew who remained on board continued their fight against the flames with increasing success until 7:40 a. m., when the fire was brought under control. When it was thought the danger from fire was past Captain Cousins recalled the lifeboats and occupants were taken aboard.

The Queen was he ecc for the mouth of the Columbia fiver and about 9 o'clock the steamer Canta Monita was sighted. The Ouren signalled and asked it to stard by until temporary repairs could be made. When everything had been made safe the Queen continued on to the mouth of the Columbia only to find the bar too rough

to cross. The distressed craft was pointed toward Puget Sound, but had fortune still puraued and when it rounded Cape Fiattery it encountered a terrific electric storm difficulty it weathered the gale and arrived here without further mishap and propeeded to Seattle, where it arrived about nightfall.

## NEGRO SAVED FROM THE STAKE

Alleged Murderer of Engineer Forgarty Arrives in Jackson Under a Military Excort.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 28.-The Green wood military company arrived at Jackson today, having in charge Albert Baldwin, a who is alleged to have killed Engineer Forgarty of the Valley road two weeks room for vessels to pass between its stern The negro was captured at Bates, and the eastern side at high water. ville and was to have been taken to Tut-

When Governor Vardaman learned that he was to have been burned today he attempted to save the pegro. The governor and Adjutant General Friede went with Greenwood company on a special train to Batesville and came back this afternoon. They met with no resistance. The sheriff of Panols county had taken every precaution to keep the negro from falling into the hunds of a mob.

Before the governor and the militia arrived the negro was taken out of jail and walked to Sardis, ten miles distant, and back again, so as to keep him out of the ture. way of those looking for him. The governor and the adjutant general report to- FALL FROM LADDER PROVES FATAL about that the trip back to Jackson was made without incident and that no hostile temonstrations occurred.

## ICE IMPEDES THE SHIPPING Several Vessels in Chesapeake Bay Are Damaged by Floating

Masses of Ice.

BALTIMORE. Feb. 28.-Navigation Chesapeake bay is greatly impeded by the huge masses of floating ice. Today the last night, after being up in the city on steamer Katahdin, with lumber from Georgetown, S. C., for this port, went ashore at Sandry Point, was hauled off and arrived here later. The tug Britannic started out with the four-masted schooner was compelled to return. The steamer Chesapeake, which left last night for New York, had its machinery disabled by the ice off Annapolis, and was towed back to this port today.

#### BOILERMAKERS QUIT WORK A dent in his head and a slight abrasion

Men on Coast Division of Southern Pacific Law Down Their Tools.

SAN FRANCISCO, Peb. 28.-The bottermakers on the entire Pacific coast system of any struggle. The supposition is that of the Southern Pacific company have gone a rupture of a veln in the brain caused on a strike as a result of a long-standing controversy regarding a general advance in wages all along the line

According to the statements of the rallroad officials 500 men quit work.

The railroad officials were surprised when an inquest unnecessary, death plainly havthey received the official notification, inas-much as the negotiations were still pentiing been accidental. The increase sought by the botler-Ancient Order of United Workston, He makers is about 10 per cent leaved a wife and a son.

inn Undertaken to Guarantee the Integrity of Cores and to Proteet Its Raier, with Russia

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agreed upon the following articles;

REPORMS IN THE BRITISH ARMY.

Commission Makes Report Supple-

mental to Its First One.

LONDON. Feb. 28.-The second report of

the Lord Ellsler committee has been issued

and gives details of the proposed War

office reform. The most important rec-

tion of a general staff, which in the words

of the committee "consists of a department

problems in the widest sense and a body

of officers occupied in time of peace in

training all ranks of the army and pre-

Other important recommendations are the

reorganization of the army by brigades

instead of army corps, the creation of five

routin work which henceforth will be en-

under major generals, and the abolition of

to ensuring the infusion of new blood the

committee urges four years as the maxi-

council. He should then resume active

The same rule, the committee prges,

should be enforced throughout the military

staff of the War office. In order to em-

held except by royal command.

Japanese Flanking Movement

Kirin Much Thought Of.

LONDON, Feb. 29 .- The correspondent of

February 26, in a dispatch speaks of the

delivered. This is probably only a re-echo

spondent says that the Retvizan is fus

Negotiations Affecting Questions in

the Balkans Are in Progress.

proceeding between the governments of

Russia, Austria and Italy with a view to

questions affecting the Balkans

reaching a complete understanding con-

in which these governments are interested.

They are endeavoring to look into and con-

sider all possible eventualities, with the ob-

ject of avoiding disagreements in the fu-

Grand Island Man Found Dead in His

Barn.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 28 - (Spe

clal.)-Adolph Meinke, a carpenter, was

instantly killed last night by falling down

barn. At least such is the only conclusion

Coroner Sutherland and those immediately

Meinke, who lived in the outskirts of the

city, returned to his home about 12 o'clock

some business matters. He went into the

house, removed his shoes, put on a pair of

house slippers, removed his coat and re-

marked to his wife that he had yet to give

the horse a little feed. He did not return.

She immediately summoned two neighbors,

who found the heart still. Coroner Suther-

land and Sheriff Taylor were summoned.

near his loft eye were the only marks on

him. It is supposed the dent was formed

tinned edges of a toolchest standing in

the vicinity of the spot below the open-

were on his person and there was no sign

He had been in a cheerful disposition all

day and never complained of any heart

trouble, and all the evidence taken into

consideration. Coroner Sutherland thought

Meinke was a charter member of the

by coming in contact with the round,

at the scene can reach.

ladder reaching to the hayloft of his

given any authentic confirmation.

serving in the council.

tained.

pared to direct operations in the field."

FANATICAL PATRIOTISM ALONE EXHIBITED

Feb. 28.—(New York Herald Cables pecial Telegram to The Bee.)—By the s of a protocol signed at Scoul ministe) Major General Yet-Chi-Yang, the minter of foreign affairs of Corea, Die for Emperor. respectively empowered for the purpose,

> (Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1994.) TOKIO, Feb. 9 .- (From a Staff Corre-Russia about Corea, Japan has in her own phrase "taken independent action" to safeguard what she conceives to be her essential interests. Her navy has gone to sea ships, and if the best information obtainable can be relied upon, with orders to

> strike when they are met. Her army is in motion. The men who constitute the regular peace force have either been moved to the points of concentration already in order to take transport for the scene of land operations as so as the navy, has cleared the way, or are now in the barracks at their various division headquarters awaiting the order to

> Since Friday night, the 5th, the men of the First reserve have been swarming to the colors. Even now more men are ready for active service than Japan has use for

All this is what I wrote you ten days ago would happen before that letter could cross the Pacific. That prophecy has been fulfilled. But there was another about which I cared more. Throughout the strenuous dash across the American continent to eatch the steamer which brought me to Japan there lurked in the back of my head the haunting fear that to miss the connection at San Francisco was not merely to have to walt for the next steamer, but something far more-to miss one of the ommendation of the committee is the crea- greatest stories of the war, the answer of the Japanese nation to the call to arms. knew something of Japanese emotionalism devoting undivided attention to military and patriotism and I believed that when the long period of uncertainty was ended. when the severe nervous strain of expectant waiting reached its climax in the decision to fight, there would be such a response from the people as those who saw should never forget.

It was a natural but erroneous attribu-"general commanding in chief, command- tion to the Japanese of qualities dominant ing troops in five districts, freed from among curselves. Fancy what would happen in New York, the day we began war trusted to eight administrative districts with Russia. Would the stars and stripes flaunt from windows and roofs and flag the linked battalion system." With a view poles? Would crowds gather in the streets and men cheer and bands play martial and inspiring music? Would signs of enmum period during which an officer shall thuslasm and excitement be manifest, and serve as military member of the army would the newspapers be filled with details and reparations, the call for troops, service for at least one year before again their mobilisation and movement, all the grand rush and uprising of the people in answer to the call?

## All Secretive and Serene.

Well, I thought something of that sort phasize the allegiance of the army to the king the committee recommends that nowould happen here. There would be an body except the king or his representatives extraordinary exhibition of the public feelabroad should hold levees, and the com- ing, cheers, flags, martiel music and the mittee also urges that no levers should be display of popular excitement. But I was altogether wrong. Spectacle it has been, A feature of the report which meets with and most extraordinary, but quite the opgeneral approval is the final d'sippear- posite of all that I had fancied. Without ance of the Brodick system involved in noise or clamor, without haste or show of the abolition of the army corps, with the excitement, calmly, quietly, with the leisure exception of the first of expecitionary of a picule preparation, the response has army corps at Aldershot, which is still re- been made to the summons so long awaited and so dearly desired. More, It has been

PROMISES TO BE EFFECTIVE BLOW, ing. the Standard at Tien Tein, under date of Spanish flanking movement on Kirin as planation of why they were going to war. promising to be the most effective blow yet

of the reported landing of the Japanese at Poisset bay, which has not yet been The Daily Mail's New Chwang correacross the middle entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur and that there is only TRYING TO AVOID DISAGREEMENT. "elder statesmen," and now that the de-ROME, Feb. 28.-Negotiations are now

ing voice. uation is the attitude of the newspapers. It is safe to say that there is not one of would make pages of interesting reading; but they obey the letter and spirit of the law. They not only do not print any news about the movements of troops or ships or that are seen now on every hand, but they do not make even velled references to them;

They solemnly record the fact that the had a conference lasting a certain time. that the prime minister has had an audience with the emperor, that the minister of war lunched with the mirister of marine, and that is all. Not a word or a hint as to what occurred at any of the e interesting sessions although it must be said that in most cases they are as in rint as their readers of what was discus el.

Orders to Report. reached the men of the reserves. The had until Sunday morning at eight o'c oc; to prepare, but by that time they must be the floor of the barn, dead or unconscious. forbidding the transmission of code tilegrams absolutely in certain places and permitting them from the great seaport towns only, where the code books were submitted to the office for inspection and the transla-

At the same time the Englishmen and Americans who are officers in the transport service received their marching orders. and the night train to Kobe was file. ing to the hayloft. His money and watch with them, going toward one or the other of the military bases. Before morning the word was in every one's mouth that the reserves had been called out, but the news papers printed as calmly as ever the often repeated guesses about the Russian rep.y. the time of its delivery and its probabl. character.

Saturday morning showed vacancies among the employes of the business houses hotels, in the banks-ever whe where young men had been at work. The

(Continued on Second Page.)

# SHIP BURNS AT SEA DETAILS OF COREAN TREATY AT CALL TO ARMS IN JAPAN HONORS FOR NEW NAVAL CHIEF DEPEND ON BALTIC FLEET NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Elaborate Ceremony Will Be Observed When Makharoff Reaches Port Arthur.

Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1901 ablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.) special train, conveying Admiral Makharoff. is expected at Port Arthur today and great reception has been prepared.

An escort will consist of the naval cor tingent and the chiefs of the naval staff and the land forces. The admiral proceeds first to the headquarters of the viceroy and after the ceremonies there embarks on the flagship Petropalovsk. The usual salutes will be fired at the moment of embarka-

The viceroy removes to Mukden on March under a special Cossack escort.

June may be regarded as confirming the last have been received here. They say that one Japanese coal hulk was sunk and Arthur several shots aimed at the light leave for Manchuria until mobilization is forts fell short, but destroyed part of the commissary stores and others set fire to bled there. It is assumed in military circoal heaps, while still others destroyed the cics here that the arrival of the Baltic dam at the naval dock.

The following neutral ships are still unable to leave Port Arther: The Norwegian tions. The Russian army object will be to steamers Sentis and Seirstad and the Engish steamer Forten Hall. The authorities have abandoned the at tempt to float the Retwinan and have de-

cided that it shall remain in its present position as a low level fort. In quence of the approaching opening of New Chwang the Japanese are watching the Russian gunboat Sivoeca, which was wintered there

## ST. LOUIS COUNTING EGGS Exhibits Already Surpass in Point of Number Those of Chicago for

the Same Period.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28 -That the exhibit shipments at the World's fair are in excess of those at the Chicago exposition at similar period before the opening is conclusively shown by a statement prepared by Chief Clerk J. E. Reagan of the traffic bureau. According to a table he has pre pared the shipments of exhibits at the Chicago fair up to March 1 preceding the opening report a total of 364 cars. total shipments of exhibits at the St. Louis fair, to and including February 27, aggregate 490 cars, or an excess of 125 cars.

To facilitate the handling of large sums of money during the exposition period, seventeen of the largest banks and trust companies of St. Louis have organized the Bankers' World's Fair National bank. chartered by the federal government and capitalized at \$200,000.

The specific purpose of the bank is to have a convenient depository for the government funds, the gate receipts of the World's fair and the concessionaries, and for all those that wish to deposit their money for safe keeping. The bank which will be located inside the grounds, will cease to exist with the close of the exposi-

### BALTIMORE PUBLISHER DEAD Edwin Franklin Abell, President of Company Which Issues the Sun, Punnes Away.

PALTIMORE, Feb. 28 .- Edwin Franklin Abell, president of the A.S. Abell company publishers of the Sun newspaper of this city, died at his residence today, aged 64. Mr. Abell was born in Baltimore and was the oldest of twelve children of the late Arunah S. Abell, founder of the Sun, and by his death the last of the founder's sons has passed away. Upon finishing his school studies at the age of 16 Mr. Abell entered the counting room of the Sun office.

Although always identified with the publishing of the Sun he had given his atthe oldest of twelve children of the late

tention more closely to the management of control of the paper. Since the death of rector of his pr it was his fixed policy to keep his po lic gaze, and BUCCESS.

### PASSENGER TRAINS COLLIDE Porter Throws Switch and Allow One to Crash Into the Other.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28 -- The westbound California Limited and the eastbound Dally Overland on the Santa Fe collided a few miles south of Point Richmond. Both engineers, L. L. Baker of the Limited years, but back of the cabinet sit the five and J. P. Bennett of the Overland, were killed

A misplaced switch was the cause of the accident. Alvin Taylor, a porter, who threw the switch open, is under arrest. He ordinary phases of this extraordinary sit. asserts that he was signalled by Engineer Bennett to open the switch and that he obeyed without realizing the consequences.

## LEAGUE BASE BALL SCHEDULES.

#### Magantes in New York to Arrange Games for the Season.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.-Among the persons most interested in the major baseball leagues there promises to be a very busy week. President Ban Johnson arave genro statesmen and the tabinet have rived here tonight, and tomorrow he will convene the annual schedule meeting of his organization. The annual schedule meeting of the National league will begin twenty-four hours later, and from present indications there seems little doubt that both organizations will adopt nonconflict ing schedules for the coming season.

President Johnson was met by C. A Comiskey of Chicago, C. A. Somers of Cleveland and C. W. Loftus of Washington. Together with these three and J. Hector Clemens of the Washington club President Johnson held a conference, after which it was amounted that a new com-Charles A. Campbell for Boston in tow, but In fifteen or twenty minutes, all being still under way to join the colors. The order mittee on schedule, consisting of J. W. without and she hearing no sound of her for mobilization was accompanied by an Parrell of this city, C. A. Comiskey of husband, Mrs. Meinke became alarmed. extraordinary tightening of the conditions Chicago and C. W. Somers of Cleveland. Chicago and C. Upon going out she found him lying on of the consorate and an order was imped were appointed. The same men were uppointed to act as a committee on rules

> Goes to Sleep on Track. NEHAWKA, Neb., Feb. 28.-(Special Telegram.)-This afternoon John Trust. working in the stone quarries near here imbibed too much whisky and lay on the railway track to rest. A Missouri Pacific freight train came along, the pilot of the engine struck the sleeper badly crushing one arm between the shoulder and elbow. He escaped internal injury and will recover.

## Big Shave for Creditors.

store at Springfield has been sold at auceive about 30 cents on the dullar. some months ago.

Bussia Expects to Reverse Balance of Naval Power by Sending It East.

CHE FOO. Feb. 3.- (New York Herald COULD THEN ISOLATE JAPANESE ARMY

News of Clash in Corea Leads to He-11 n. m..... 43 lief Heavy Land Fighting May Be Expected in the Near

### Fature.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) Report Port Arthur Attack and Say BERLIN, Feb. 28 .- (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Announcement that the Russian Baltic fleet will not leave for the far east until complete and an army of 400,000 is assemfleet in far eastern waters will coincide with the commencement of active opera-Russia commanding the sea the provision ing of the Japanese army would be difficult.

In naval circles here it is considered that the Baltic fleet will experience great difficulty in reaching the far east on account of the impossibility of obtaining a sufficient supply of coal on the route. It means that the fleet must be accompanied by colliers and take on coal on the high seas. Such an operation, though not impossible, is surrounded by, difficulties that will greatly delay the progress of the ships.

## JAPAN'S REASON FOR CENSORSHIP

One Line Might Ruln Success of an Important Movement.

LONDON, Feb. 28 .- In reference to the severity of the censorship exercised by the Japanese government over the news dispatches of foreign correspondents, Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to the Associated Press today I have had numerous representations from I have had numerous representations from English and other newspapers upon this subject, but I believe that our position in the case is not only right, but will be admitted to be such by those who look carefully into the circumstances. We are fighting against numerical odds quite out of proportion to the odds of any combatant in recent wars. We are fighting for our existence and our only hope of maintaining it is to strike swiftly and secretly at the beginning. To get in the first blows means more to us than I think, it has ever meant to any belligerent, and to insure this it is vital for us to demand a degree of secrecy which, has not been necessary in any re-

military authorities had decided that ou censorship must be more rigid than eve before attempted. One line would hav rained our first attack on Port Arthur, on ruined our first attack on Port Arthur, one line might ruin our projected land operations. When we fought China we gave the war correspondents free latitude and in many cases they took advantage of this to predict our future movements. That did not matter much when China was our enemy, but against a power like Russia, so immensely superior in eventual resource, it might turn the scale. When you fight for life everything becomes of minor importance.

portance.

I cannot believe that Japan will lose friends in the world because it has been abliged to impose such a careful comparable. I do not think the present rigor of this consorsity will be continued very long, but mementary the conditions of the campaign make even insignificant movements clues toward our main naval and portance.

Baron Hayashi does not expect that his his father's estate, and not until the death government will issue any proclamation of of George W. Abell did he assume direct the blockade of Port Arthur until the Japanese are able to cut the communication by his brother he had been the directing head which food supplies now reach that place. of the paper's politics and views on na- He points out that New Chwang is practional questions and local affairs. As di- tically blockaded by the fce. When the ice breaks up and if the naval necessity dentity from the pub- still exists, the minister says that Japan e achieved a notable probably will issue a blockade proclama-

> It does not look as if there will be any framediate serious land action, but it appears possible that Vice Admiral Togo may make another attempt to bottle up Port Arthur by sinking across the channel one of the old Chinese battleships captured during the war between China and Japan.

### FEAR TROUBLE IN BALKANS Appeal to War Party in Turkey in Getting Ascendant.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) Ree.)-Serious news comes from the near Greece, says an agreement has been encupy Macedonia. The "appeal to war" Hamid. Knowledge of this accounts for

### Austria's eager military preparations. TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS BUSY Russians Capture Three Vessels

Loaded with Japanese Coal. SUEZ. Feb. 38.-The steamers laden with cal for Japan and captured by Russian torpedo boat destroyers are reported to be the British steamer Ettrickdale Barry February - for Sabang), the British steamer Frankby (from Barry February steamer Matlida (from Penarth January 36

A dispatch from Suakinin, Egypt, February 24, said that the captain of the British steamer Duristan (from Newport February 8 for Bombay) reported that he was stopped and examined by Russian torpedo bout destroyers a few miles from Daclus island in the Rod sea and was informed that three British steamers coal laden for Japan had been captured by

## RUSSIANS GROWING SUSPICIOUS

Bemand Contents of All Telegrams

TIEN TSIN, Feb. 28 .- Russians are in terfering with the imperial railway telegraphs. On February 28 they demanded that they be allowed to read the telegrams received at Tien Chwang station, where the Chinese authorities have now placed n sentry. Chinese officials say the ported landing of Japanese troops at Possiet buy has not been confirmed.

The Novi Krai declares that there is mulpo, against the Japanese protectorate. export trade,

Partly Cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Deg. Hour. 5 a. m..... 31 8 a. m..... 31 2 p. m..... 46 7 a. m..... 31 8 a. m..... 30 5 p. m..... D N. m ..... 30 10 n. m. . . . . . 39

## 7 p. m..... 8 p. m..... 0 p. m..... EYE WITNESSES AT PORT ARTHUR.

Russians Fear Investment. YIN KOW, Feb. 28. The first reports by eye witnesses of the engagement at Port one beached near the Retvisan and that nincteen Japanese in civilian clother reached the shore and were made pris-

The Askold and Bayan approached the Japanese fleet and then retired, being unable to entice the enomy to attack them From long range two shells struck in the off the Japanese army from its base. With city. The Retvizan is serviceable as an auxiliary, but the foreign engineer has abandoned the hope of raising it as the February S, says that Chinese on the Yalu patching on the forty foot cleft made by stopped progress and the Russian engineers | tor a distance of about 30 versts across the have interfered with the original plans of giver, had an encounter with a detachment raising it.

The Czarovitch is kept affeat by constant pumping, the Novik has been repaired and the Pallada has been docked. General Linevitch dispatched cavalry and a the past week have resulted in the constant shifting of the troops, including the naval contingent organized from the crews of the disabled and idle warships, to all parts staff, which is dated Pebruary B, says: of the defenses and also to the hinter-

Refugees who have arrived here report that the Russians momentatily fear a land investment of Port Arthur from Pig-

Four trains of Russian refugees from points south of Taschischias went north yesterday. One American citizen and two British subjects, expelled from Port Arthur, without being given the right to remove their property, declare they were they say, was unjustifiable, though the authorities declare that they are justified in expelling all civilians who are not rejuired for defense. The authorities have refused to permit the British-Captain R ddle to take his ship, the Foxton Hall, to with it for the purpose of preventing intelligence of the Russian operations being given to the Japanese blockaders.

## Heavy Land Fighting is Expected.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 28.-The official in several skirmishes.

the Russians have taken the offensive, but rather that they are taking up a strong position in northern Corea in order to of Japanese landing on both shores of Corea, while the concentration of Russian This concentration is making better progress than is generally believed abroad.

The movement of troops eastward over the Transsiberian railroad will be greatly accelerated henceforth, as telegraphic reorts say that the ice railway over Lake Baikal was completed today. Up to this time the tracks have been used as far as laid, the soldiers marching from the terminus of the line to the other shore,

Major General Pflug's report that General Ma's army is west of the Liao river agrees with the statement of special correspondent of the Russ at Tien Tsin that the Chinese war minister is hurrying large bodies of troops to the northeastern frontier of Pe Chi Li. This report says the troops are not going by rail, but are marching by night.

The military situation will be greatly complicated if General Ma's army is really noving to the rear of the Russian position with the intention of making commo cause with the Japanese, as it will expose both Russian flanks to attack.

## Blockade Continues.

The blockade of Port Arthur continues. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 28 .- (New York | The Russians seemed resigned for the pre-Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The ent not to expect to accomplish much by east, giving the idea that Turkey, if it sees overmatched in both ships and guns; but the opportunity, will refuse to carry out they hint that things may be different in the Macedonian reforms. A Greek au- the spring if the Baltic Seet goes out and await a sea and land investment. Whothority here, accounting for the arming of effects a juncture with that at Port Arthur. Serious consideration also is being given tered into between that country and Tur- to the feasibility of spending about \$1,000,000 key whereby in case of war Greece will oc- on torpedo boat destroyers to be sent in sections to Vladivostok and Port Arthur. sentiment at the Yildiz Klosk has reached Three hundred mechanics and cock yard such a point that it may at any moment actificers were sent to the far east last get beyond the control of the ruler. Abdul week and experts declare that the boats could be built, sent and fitted out there in eight months.

After all, however, the hopes and hearts and with General Kouropatkin at its head Although he has not faced a foe since the siege of Plevna, victory is considered as-

An interesting incident occurred on the day the news was received of the sinking (from of the four steamers with which the Japanese sought to block the entrance to Port Arthur harbor. The first report was a for Hong Kong) and the Norwegian to the effect that four battleships and two transports had been sunk and this caused so much confusion that a te doum was immediately ordered. A member of the council from the winter palace burst into the session, saying:

"Gentlemen, countermand the orders; only four old steamers were sunk. The emperor does not wish a thanksgiving service to be held."

In connection with this attempt of the Japanese on Port Arthur a report was sent that the steamers sent in were puinted to represent war ships and on arriving close to the channel they dropped contact mines, from any authoritative quarters.

## RUSSIA EXTENDS TARIFF ONE VEAR.

#### Affects All Imports-Tin Plate for Export is Free.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 38.-A of the equacil of ministers approved by the emperor and published today extends for a period of one year the tariff on imports to Russia which was fixed February 24, 1963. A simflar extension of river is made in case of the free admission of tiopinte used in the manufacture of kerosene barstore went into the hands of a receiver great hostlitty in Corsa, especially in Che- rels and also on packing cases used in the living abound a train, but he will enter his

# PUT JAPS TO FLIGHT

SINGLE COPY THREE CENTS.

Rumor That Russian Cavalry Has Brusi with the Enemy.

JAPANESE CONCEDE INJURY TO WARSHIPS

Two Battleships and Dispatch Boat Are Said to Be Missing.

ORIGINAL FLEET HAD SIXTEEN VESSELS

Survivors of Sunken Transports Are Not Allowed to See Anyone.

RUSSIANS FEAR TO ASSUME AGGRESSIVE

Belleved Bear Lacks Naval Strength and That It. Will Hug Port Arthur-Rumor That Port Has Fallen.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 3. A disp tch received here from Lino Yang, and datedriver report that an advance guard of Rus a Japanese torpede has given way and clan cavalry, which has penetrated Corea of Japanese, and that the Japanese were compelled to retreat, and fied, leaving their hornes, which were seized by the Consacks. Repeated attacks by the Japanese during body of infantry in pursuit and with orders to occupy northern Cores. An official dispatch received from Major

General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staft, which is dated February 28, says:

The night of February 27 passed quietly at Fort Arthur. The enemy's squadron keeps in this vicinity. Reports are coming in of movements of Chinese troops west of the Liko river, and according to rumors about ten Chinese troops, under General Ma, are on the road between Tung Chu and Chao Jan.

CHE FOO, Peb. 28.-While the Japanese report that their fleet was unseathed in their latest attack on Port Arthur they are using every endeavor in attempting to prevent details of any injury to the Japanese fleet from leaking out. Survivors, said expelled because of alleged relations with to be from sunken Japanese transports, who newspaper correspondents, which charge, landed here Saturday are not allowed to see any one. They will be sent home on parole. The original Japanese fleet in front of Port Arthur consisted of sixteen ships. Two battleships and a dispatch boat are missing. It is learned from two sources that two of the missing warships were taken to Sasebo Che Foo. It is understood if the ship is in a disabled condition. It is being circureleased a Russian skipper will be sent lated among the Chinese that Port Arthur has fallen.

Close Enough to Use Rifles. The Japanese sallors who arrived Saturday are from the Jinsen Maru and the Bushiu, two of the five merchant vessels with which it was attempted to block the announcement by Major General Pflug, entrance to Port Arthur on the morning chief of staff to Viceroy Alexieff, that Rus- of the 24th. Lieutenant Salto commanded sian cavalry had crossed the Yalu river is the Jinsen Maru and Lieutenant Tarishi expected to be followed shortly by news of the Bushlu. The latter was manned by rather heavy land fighting, as, according to thirty men. One man of Lieutenant Saito's seemingly trustworthy reports, General command was killed while lowering a boat Lenevitch has sent a whole army corps of on the Jinsen Maru. The details of how infantry to support the Cossacks, who have the steamers were taken into the entrance penetrated to a point below Anju and who to the harbor and sunk are being withare reported to have beaten the Japanese held by the sailors, but Lieutenant Salto stated that they got so close to the Ret-Nevertheless, if this movement in force is vizan that had they been armed with

progressing, it must not be assumed that rifles they could have fired into its crew. When it was found that the scheme was failure they dropped anchor and the crews crowded into the remaining boats. check the advance of the formidable army They then blew up the steamers. A strong wind and the glare of the light prevented the men from reaching the torpedo fotilia troops behind the Yalu is being completed, and at daylight they were driven in an easterly direction by the wind to the Miato islands, which they reached the same eve-

ming. The boats dld not land together, but the men found each other on the islands. They chartered a junk, in which they went to Tung Chou Fou. They walked forty miles to Che Foo, going two days without food, The fate of the crews of the other steam

em is not known by the men here. SEOUL, Feb. 28 .- Details of a skirmish at Ping Yang show that fifty Russian cavalrymen approached the north gate of the Japanese camp and fired at 1,000 meters, A sharp fustilade took place and the Rus slans retired. All foreigners are safe. The fight took place on the morning of the

The emperor has contributed 100,000 year and the crown prince \$6,000 yen to the Japanose relief fund.

Russia Hugs Port Arthur. TOKIO, Feb. 28.-Corean soldiers on Han Gyeng frontier have been attacked and dispersed by Russian troops.

As the campaign progresses it seems that the chances are growing slimmer for a great pitched buttle on the open sen by the feets of modern battleships, which the world has long awaited. It is believed sen, realizing that the Port Arthur fleet is here that the Russians lock the strength to assume the aggressive and that they will provebly stick to Port Arthur doggedly to ever wins, Port Arthur will cease to be an important base. The fortifications will probably be dismantled as they are small and cramped and however many guns defend it, it is thought they are incapable of insuring protection. It is estimated that the Russians have 200 guns mounted at Port Arthur, making it theoretically one of the strongest forts in the world, regard to the opening of Wiju, for which United States Minister Allen has long been of the Russians are centered in the army pressing, it was decided to wait the formal announcement of the Japanese, whose in-

fluence is now dominant in Corea. Skirmish at Ping Yang. SECUL, Feb. 28.-Details of a skirmich at Ping Yang last Priday show that fifty Russian cavalrymen approached the north gate of the Japanese camp and fired at 1,000 metres. A sharp fusifiade took place and the Russians retired. All foreigners are sufe. LONDON, Feb. 18. - The following emclal

hisparch has been received at the Japaners egation here:

TOKIO, Pels 28, 2 a. m. A number of the enemy's cavalry appeared at a point me metres north of Ping Yang. Core. Our infantry fired won them, cavaling them to

### Troops for the Frontier. PEKING, Feb. 3 -Since February # four

trains have left Pao Ting Fu for the north eastern frontler. The last contingent leaves today on two trains, completing the force of 10,000 men. These troops are all regulars This story, however, lacks confirmation and their equipment is excellent. They will be replaced by troops from Shan Tung province. Too Hough to Land Troops.

> no change in the situation in the fast two days. A gale blew from the north, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The sea is very rough, rendering impossible any sttempt to effect a landing

PORT ARTHUR, Fob 38-There has been

Micercy Alexief et Mukden YIN KOW, Peb. 28.-Viceroy Alexieff has arrived at Mukden, where he probably will until the reorganization of the forces has been completed. He has been

headquarters tomorrow.

No Pomp or Display Marked News of War

Mobilization of Militia Without Pagentry or Fanfare, but Each Soldier Feels Honored at Chance to

spondent of the New York Herald-Special to The Bee.)-The war is on. After more than twenty-one years of negotiation with equipped and ready to meet the Russian

regarding the improvement of the administration.

2. The government of Japan shall in a spirit of firm friendship insure the safety and repose of the imperial house of Corea.

3. The government of Japan definitely guarantees the independence and territorial integrity of the Corean empire.

4. In case of the welfare of the imperial house of Corea or the territorial integrity of Corea being endangered by an aggressive third power or international disturbance, the government of Japan shall immediately take all necessary measures, such as the circumstances require, and in this action the government of Corea shall give full facilities to promote the action of the Japanese government. The latter mey for the attainment of the above object occupy, when the circumstances require it, such the attainment of the above object occupy, when the circumstances require it, such places as it is necessary from a strategic point of view.

5. The governments of both countries shall not in the future, without mutual joonsent, conclude with a third power, such an arrangement as may be contrary to the principles of the present protocol.

6. The details in connection with the present protocol shall be arranged as the circumstances require between the representatives of Japan and the minister of foreign affairs of Corea. move out.

immediately.

attended with a secrecy that is astound-The nation is at grips with the huge power which fronts it on the west and north. The people are proud and determined, glad that it is so and sure of themselves and their cause; yet with their ships at sea and their troops on the move it was not until last evening that they re ceived from their government the first ex-

or what they mean to win by force that they could not get by peaceful means. I doubt if the government of any other civilized people on earth could do what the Japanese government has done and still retain a fragment of popular support. Yet almost the only complaint heard against this government is that it has not acted before. There is criticism from many quarters that it is not a strong government the cabinet is not composed of popular men. and there is protest that it has been weak and shilly-shallying in the face of the gravest crisis the nation has known for many

cision is to act there is hardly a dissent-To an American one of the most extra them which has not information which report any of the warlike preparations

they do not hint or, suggest.

On Saturday orders were issued and tion of the messages offered.

PAPILLION, Neb., Feb. 28.-(Special.) The remainder of the stock of the Murdock tion to W. H. Davidson for \$1,575. It had been sovoteed at \$3,780. Its creditors will reSent Over Imperial Wires.

The schedule of all regular trains on the rallway has been annulled.