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Prediction the Balfour Ministry Cannot

POSSIBLY IT MAY NOT LAST THAT LONG

Chancellor of Exchequer Would Not Be

Country Net in Condition to Face This with Equanimity.

IRISH MEMBERS LOOKING FOR OPENING

Would Welcome Dissolution Because They Are Confident of Holding the Balance of Power in

New Parliament.

four government cannot outlive the forth- if not destroy the strongest fleet. coming budget, it is believed, if indeed it lasts till then. Chancellor of the Ex- in the last five years. chequer Austen Chamberlain, who has been responsible for its preparation, is so apsome question before the budget comes up. stands at the highest peace figure in hisincrease next year and the revenue is is to keep out of range." steadily falling off. The Mad Mullah campaign has cost \$12,000,000 already, although the original estimate was only \$2,500,000, and no progress whatever has been made, On the contrary, Great Britain is only getting more and more seriously involved and unable to draw back. The mullah is now considered the less mad of the two parties

concerned. The financial and commercial depression is becoming apparent everywhere. Owing to constant rains winter agricultural operations have been rendered impossible, so that the harvest outlook is causing dismay to the farmers. In many parts of England rains have brought a terrible plague of slugs and worms, which have utterly destroyed the early corn and other crops. With this condition of things and consols going down to 80 (a loss of 34 points in five cears), with \$260,060,000 added to the national debt as a result of the South African war, Austen Chamberlain's attempt to find

new source of taxation is certain to lead o ministerial disaster. The Irish party is running the British Parliament just now. It absorbs the bulk the time for discussing Irish questions and leads an attack on the government at every point. Between sixty and seventy Irish members are in constant attendance at Westminster, ready to take advantage of every opening to discredit, and if possible, defeat the government, which at the opening of the sersion had declared its conliqued hostility to home rule.

The normal ministerial majority is 110, but owing to the demoralization of the incompetency of their government many have given up voting. The government majority of any kind in the House. The to seize a chance of defeating them. Last Monday the ministers actually had to aibusiness for the whole session to be negatived because they would have been beaten religious marriage. on a division by the Irish vote. On Tuesday the same situation arose and the ministers had to put up men to keep talking. while their messengers scoured clubland in terialists to save them from defeat then.

division, bringing the government majority down to fourteen The Irish party naturally is anxious to knock out the government, because after the next general election it is practically certain to hold the balance of power.

ITALIAN NOBILITY VISIT POPE Wife of Former Premier of Italy Sets Precedent Which is Likely

to Be Followed.

(Copyright, 1904, by Press Publishing Co.) ROME, Feb. 27 .- (New York World Cable gram, Special Telegram.)-Plus X recently received several women of the Roman aristocracy in a semi-private audience and of the party was the marquise of Rudini, wife of the former premier of Italy, who is decorated with the collar of

as cousin by the royal family. The marquise directly asked the pope, and Plus X, although visibly embarrassed by the unusual request, after a brief hesibless him and all his family with all my

Rome, where everyone in the least way ft is expected that in consequence many liberal dames of the Roman aristocracy who never set foot in the papal residence will shortly apply for audiences with the

ELOPEMENT LEADS TO A DUEL

Two Officers Fight Over Slighting Remark About Crown Princess Louise.

(Copyright, 1904, by Press Publishing Co.) VIENNA, Feb. 27,-(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The elopement of Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, although that episode is more than a year old, caused a fatal duel early this month at Castle Salseburg, the seat of the grand

duke of Tuscany, her father. At a court ball at Munich, a Bavarian officer spoke in slighting terms of the Countess von Montignoso, as the divorced crown princess is now called. A brother officer made her cause his and challenged him. The grand duke of Tuscany was glad to shelter the duel under the roof of his castle at Salseburg. Principals and seconds repaired to this archducal residence and the two officers fought with swords in one of the salons of the chateau

At midnight a body covered with a black clonk was carried from the place. It was at of the officer who had insulted the ex-

crown princess. Complete details of the due are not known in court circles here, so carefully have all concerned kept their counsel for more than three weeks.

PLEASES TORPEDO MAKERS

Think Results in Present War Dem onstrate the Effectiveness of the Weapon.

(Copyright, 1904, by Press Publishing Co.) FIUME, Feb. 27 -(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The World correspondent visited today the Whitehead torpedo factory here, whose torpedoes are playing such a large part in the Russo-Japanese war. The works are now managed by an Englishman named A. E. Jones, whose inventions largely contributed to

"The result of the torpedo work causes us no surprise," he said to the World correspondent. "Both sides have large numbers of our torpedoes and it merely de pends on which is best able to utilize them, orpedoes, especially since its experience with China, and has put more energy, expense and time into torpedo training than dimost any power. Before this war is over every power will recognize that the torpedo is a cardinal factor in a naval engagement, "Japan has shown Port Arthur that once torpedo flotilia succeeds in getting within

(Copyright, 1904, by Press Publishing Co.) range, battleships are comparatively help-LONDON, Feb. 27 .- (New York World less, and with a comparatively small sac-Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The Hal- rifice a torpedo fiotilia can always damage "Japan has been buying heavily from us

fidence in torpedoes was much shaken, yet ities of war. Reports are current today palled at the prospect of having to provide | we never lost hope, but improved our tor- that the reserves have been called to be for a heavy deficit and the imposition of pedoes, manufacturing larger and swifter ready to move at twenty-four hours' notaxation that he is strongly urging ones, carrying more explosives. With the tice. The fact is they have been told not

The expenditure for the army and navy Torpedo nets, once believed to be a sure call. There has been a revision of the guard, are now a thing of the past. The young conscripts who drew numbers at tory. Provision is made for a still heavier only remaining defense against torpedoes the beginning of the year to determine

> just before the Russo-Japanese war began that it would either ruin the Whitehead company or establish it on a basis of unshakable prosperity.

ROMANCES RUN IN THE FAMILY Brother of Crown Princess of Saxony Runs Away and Marries

Copyright, 1904, by Press Publishing Co.) BUDA-PEST, Feb. 27 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.) - Another grand duke, Tuscany's imperial royal child, duke Joseph Ferdinand secretly married a startle France into a realization of its beautiful Hungarian girl, the daughter of Mitzko, who keeps a restaruant in this city. The archduke fell in love with her as many a young gallant of the town had of his kinsmen, offered an honorable

officers from his father tried in vain to dissuade and coerce the archduke. A whips go almost crazy trying to keep a rumor of marriage, current last month. was officially denied. Since then, how-Irish party is waiting in constant readiness ever the young pair have been made one. They went by night to a chapel near Poertschach, where he found a Friar Lawlow a motion affecting their control of rence willing to solemnize their union. It will be next to impossible to annual this

cabs capturing and bringing down minis- Leopold Fordinand, eloped with an actress Thursday night the Irish party snapped imperial decree taking away from her the right to be called an archduchess and forbidding her to use the imperial coat of

QUEER MARRIAGE CUSTOMS Section in France Where Official Matchmakers Dispense with All Courtsbips.

booed from the Vatican receptions, and only the approval of the parents of the parties most interested to say to any young

> ing to ancient custom, returned to the parents' houses, the bridegrooms to theirs The next day the newly mated couples

AUTOMOBILING HARD ON DOGS

(Copyright, 1904, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Feb. 27 .- (New York World Ca-

Fear Their Country Will Become Involved

in the War in the Far East.

Army Reserves Notified to Remain Where They Can Be Found if Needed.

These Moves General Opin or Effect.

Giving that Country No Excuse for Turning to Its Old Enemy for an Ally and Leaving France Isolated.

(Copyright, 1904, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Feb. 27 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.) - These are anxious days and sieepless nights for overnervous French wives and mothers. Even the absinthe drinking boulevardiers "After the American war with Spain con- look serious as they discuss the possibilready to report in case of an emergency the length of service, which should begin OBJECT TO THE CUBAN TARIFF The Whitehead company, which prac- in April, but has been expedited. The tically stands alone in the manufacture of conscripts have been ordered to report Charge is Made and Denied that it

The World correspondent verified the repedoes daily, selling at \$2,500 each. The port that all officers of the merchant navy readiness to report to the fleet after March also ordered to hasten the examination of candidates for the naval service.

is attacked because of the unpreparedness the Cubans., The allegation is made that Mr. Smith, of the French fleet. His removal is the greatest increases are on products and proffer its good offices. ciamored for generally.

making clear to Russia that France is the increase in the tariff is merely nominal. were to send a special ambassador to St. rately gauged the situation and is using crimination against the United States and sima at the Russian court. The czar would progress of the war between Russia and Port Arthur and which sank trying to its utmost endeavor to win Russia's good that American four and other foreign meet him more than half way." will, proffering sympathy and manifesting products are paying the greatest amount interest, hoping to break up the Pranco- of augmented duty. Many of the leading Russian alliance. Russia is lending a officials here take the position that the among a portion of the American press. figures in a runaway love affair. Arch- willing ear, knowing this course is sure to

existing treaty obligations. done and following the example of several France. Hence the order to the reserves greater will be the advantage to the United lowances ought to be made on both sides marriage, involving, as it did, renouncing aithough France really has no idea of tial which it always received under the mont. his family privileges, which amount to fighting unless some overt act against provisions of the Cuban treaty." little, as far as his possible succession to Russia, committed by some power, comthe hope of alliance with any nation. should "win in a canter," it would need no ally.

Comment on Disasters

According to the cabled opinion of Port Arthur naval men, the destruction of the Russian warships, Yenesi and Boyarin, by Russian torpedoes intended for the Japanese ships, was due to the fact that the roadsted at Port Arthur has a rocky bottom where the anchors of mines fall to catch and they float about.

There is adverse comment on the report that only one Russian officer knew the exact location of the mines, and he was killed in one of the above explosions. The Petite Republique quotes an unnamed his absolute mastery of the distinctly sympathy with Japan, they do the American Hebrews having great official state convention select only the four delepower and being large advertisers, to gates at large and the delegates to the Kishineff massacres and to 'business is business." He also says an important fac- smaller conventions, as heretofore. tor in the molding of sentiment is the enormous Ioan in America.

prove victorious it then would make warriors of 500,000,000 Chinese, and Europe would see a new invasion by Huns."

Japanese Military Catechiam.

Tokio dispatch to Raphel describes the self abnegation and enthusian, almost fanticism, of the Japanese soldier in the present war, who had been taught this atechism. "Who is your master." Answer-''Our Emperor."

"What constitutes a true military spirit? 'Obedience and sacrifice." "What constitutes the highest courage.

"To march forward in spite of superior force.

"What is a low order of courage "Getting excited over trides and yielding to sentiments of brutality." "Whence came the blood redeeming our

"It was shed by a soldier on the battle-"What remains of this dead soldier?

"Glory." S. E. Buller (said to be a kinsman of Sir Buller of "regret to report" fame, in the Boer war) recently an instructor in the Japanese army, tells the Presse "the Japanese soldiers are both chivalrous and savage-chivalrous through bravery, savage cruelty toward a fallen enemy. They can be best compared with the Turkish in 1879. They have wonderful sobriety subsist on next to nothing and handle the latest magazine guns with all skill peculiar

to Oriental, their chief weakness being in

volley firing. The panic on the Bourse, was the worst since 1870. The loss is estimated at \$175. 000,000. The strength displayed by Russian securities was remarkable, holding stronger comparatively than French I's, latter dropping four points and the former seven. In the Russian-Turkish war of 1877, Russian 5's dropped from 83 to 74 and French 3's from 73 to 67. The Greek-Turkish war of 1897 did not affect the Bourse. In the American war on Spain in 1868, Spanish bonds fell from 38 to 33. at 114. Now they are 86. There has been no sudden panic. In some quarters it is believed that the market attack was intended to annoy and embarrane the goverament, but this report is discredited. It

tration to Intervene There.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) Herald Service-Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Persons interested in the Sar suggestions to President Roosevelt. These bring about anything like a constitutional or permanent government.

Influential business men in New York "Japan has always shown great faith in DONE TO METAIN RUSSIAN FRIENDSHIP, Boston and elsewhere are back of this movement. They think the United States should establish a method of election and take charge of the insular custombouses and financial operations during a certain

> Domingo are demanding action by our government. The administration authorities realize, of course, that this is a somewhat critical subject to approach on the verge of tion which is already charged with undue! activity in foreign affairs.

> ther complicated by the fact that the Morales element wish to give the United States a coaling station at Samana bay.

which has increased the duties on all lighting of Port Arthur. Cuban imports from all countries. Those which are principally furnished by the

It is asserted that there is great dis- Petersburg. He would be persona gratis-United States has no right to complain. He thought the stand taken by the Herald

In order to stem the tide the French United States," said Senor Quesada, the stand Muscovite diplomacy, just as the ministry is about to make a show of pre- Cuban minister to the United States. "The Russians were puzzled by the American paredness in case Russia calls upon higher the Cuban tariff is made, the "straight from the shoulder" methods. Aland the hurried revision of the conscripts. States, because of the 20 per cent preferen- for differences in the national tempera-

country a greater advantage over its com-

high American official now here as saying cratic organization of New York State that while the American newspapers show in arranging to have the democratic not represent public feeling. This "official" gation to the national convention in St. attributes the anti-Russian sentiment to Louis next July, instead of having the

belief that Japan is about to place an those of William R. Hearst seem to realize The Eclaire says "all Surope and they admit that Mr. Murphy in obtaining America, the whole white race, should the adoption of this method for the sel desire to see Japan crushed, for if should ection of the delegates has checkmated New York with a view of obtaining centrol |

ATTACKS THE RITUALISTS 'Fighting Vicar" of Hexton, England, Makes Another Forsy on His Opponents,

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) Rev. Mr. Fillingham, the "fighting vicar." of Hexton, England, has again attacked the in times of peace, had ended amid the yows and "setting an example of treachery tack. and immorality for the whole community Dr. Greer dare "refuse to be this Potter's clay.

"I do not expect a reply," said Mr. Fillingham, "because I believe the letter Itself is unanswerable."

PHOTOGRAPHING ALL ANTIQUES italy Hopes Thereby to Better Pre-

(Copyright, 1904, by Press Publishing Co.) ROME, Feb. 27 .- (New York World Cabiegram-Special Telegram.)-The Italian government has issued a circular note to is believed rather that it was the doing of antique Italian tapeary in a well known gallery of New York Chy.

CHANCE FOR AMERICA

Consul to St. Petersburg Points Out Oppertunity to Score a Ten Strike.

No Country in Position to Doit So Well a the United States.

TIME NOT RIPE YET FOR SUCH A MOVE

Should Russia Gain Important Victory Would Welcome Proposal.

MUST FIRST AVENGE WOUNDED HONOR Points Out that it is to the interest o

the United States to Remain on the Best of Terms with the Muscovite.

Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) LONDON, Feb. 27 .- (New York Herald a presidential campaign by an administra- Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.) 15 Weekly Review of Sporting Events There may come soon to the United 16 Japan and the United States, States an opportunity for bringing to an Many persons ask to what lengths our end the war between Russia and Japan. protectorate of feeble American 'repub- That opportunity, if duly taken advantage 18 Editorial. lics" are to go. The case with which Porto of by the American executive, will result 19 Summary of the New Revenue Law. Rico has been advanced a stage toward in removing all danger of a misunderstatehood by the action of a single house standing between Washington and St. of congress may give serious-minded citi- Petersburg and in cementing the friendly zens some concern. The situation is fur- relations which are a tradition of the two 24 Much Spurious Money in Country. countries.

By one stroke the United States can do Russia a good turn and can benefit itself and the world at large. This is the opinion of a hard-headed, practical man of business, with exceptional advantages of forming a seasoned judgment. He is Mr. W. E. Smith, consul general of the United States in St. Petersburg, who is at present in London, 11 a. m 35

Mr. Smith told a Herald correspondent this afternoon that Russia had been sur- 12 m...... 35 have been ordered to hold themselves in (Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1994.) prised into the war. Three weeks before WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.-The Cuban the rupture of diplomatic relations a con-The prefects of seaboard localities are Legislature has passed a new tariff bill tract had been entered into for the electric

"Russia could not but go on fighting Poor Pelletan, the minister of marine, Americans who are for higher protection now, but once she gained a victory on land recently the target of doubtful witticisms. In order to discredit the principle of reci- and her prestige would admit of her listenowing to his marrying a school teacher, procity have started a campaign against ing to pourpariers for peace, then," said "let the United States step in

"Washington can do what no other gov Deputy Jaure's utterances and the atti- United States, while on articles that are ernment could attempt. It would not be tude of the conservative French press is not in competition with the United States a mistake, far from it, if the president

"It is a great mistake to say that the was the fair and correct one. Some Amernew Cuban tariff discriminates against the leans, he said, seemed unable to under-

Thinks Stories Exaggerated.

imports into Cuba, it only gives this ports sent by English papers of an Amer- ternational compilcations are imminent I do believe the English correspondents danger of being embroiled in an interna-MURPHY SHOWS HE IS BOSS magnify it in order to minimize the fact tional conflict.

good friends of Russia." Smith mentioned that he had just heard weeks of a hostilities. At first the deter-(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) military estimate. The budget amounted sia, with popular demonstrations and subeasily raised, for there was a tremendous amount of money in the country. Moscow alone could furnish a good many sinews of war. An encouraging sign was the improvement in the rate of exchange, "That," Mr. Smith continued, "is a highly significant fact. I may be wrong in this. I wish to state I cannot speak from actual knowledge, but it points to the return of M. Witte to power. M. Witte is a man of peace and would do everything in reason to

bring the war to an end." JAPAN'S MINISTER MAKES PROTEST Representative at The Hague Does

Not Like Russian's Talk.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 27.-Mitsuhashi Noboukata, the Japanese minister here, has been instructed by his government to lodge a protest with the president of the council of the permanent court of arbitration against the language used by M. Muravieff. president of the arbitration tribunal, and Russian minister of justice, in a speech he made after announcing the tribunal's decision in favor of the blockading powers

as against Venezuela. M. Muravieff, in the course of his remarks, said the findings of the tribunal had been reached after a most minute and most impartial investigation. Like all hu-NEW YORK, Feb. 27.-(New York Herald man acts, the decision was succeptible of Service-Special Telegram to The Bee.)- criticism, but now it was made, every one should accept it. The arbitration, ritualists of the Protestant Episcopal sinister acts of war, which was a terrible church in a letter to Bishop Coadjutor obstacle in the path of light and progress. Greer in which he declares that Dr. Greer in spite of all good will, alas, no one was is violating his ordination and consecration secure against an unexpected hostile at-

A nation was obliged to accept a war of this city." Bishop Potter he designates when the legitimate defense of honor and as a "society bishop of New York, a mai- liberty was involved. The just Providence leable clay of which the New York smart which ruled over battles would distinset is the product," and he inquires whether guish between right and unfounded pretensions. At the end of this war between European and an Asiatic people the right, he concluded, would shine out afresh,

It is expected in diplomatic circles that the only result of the protest will be that a copy of the complaint will be sent to the powers represented before the arbitra-

PROCLAIM WIJU AS OPEN TO TRADE Last of Russian Sympathizers is Re-

moved from the Cabinet. Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) SECUL. Feb. 27 .- (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.)-The Corean Foreign office officially announces the opening of Wiju to foreign

The issue of Japanese war currency has received official sanction. The emperor of Corea notes that this currency is being redeemed locally at 80 cents in gold per

The last Russophile official in the Corean cabinet has been removed and only Japan's supporters remain.

THE BEE BULLETIN.

Forecast for Nebraska-Fair and Colder Sunday; Monday Fair,

1 British Cabinet is Soon to Pall. Frenchmen Nervous Over the War. America May Bring About Peace.

Large Infantry Forces in the Field. No Important News from East. Wisconsin State Capitol Burned News from All Parts of Nebraska. Bits of Nebraska State History. 4 Cudets Cannot Come to Nebraska

New York State is for Roosevelt. Opposition to the Constwise Laws. 5 Vain Effort to Cut City Pay Roll. Affairs at South Omaha.

Postal Convict Palls to Appeal. Past Week In Omaha Society. 7 Conl Dealers Tire of High Rates

8 Council Bluffs and Iowa News. 9 Pope Institutes Some Reforms. Many Amendments to Shipping Bill

10 Yankee Nabobs in Cathay. Gentle Art of Doing 'Em. Munroe Gets the Better of Sharkey. Machen to Serve Two Years' Time 19 Bucks the Private Car Lines.

How Armies Get Their Food.

13 Miss Patton's Prize Essay. Marries One Thousand Couples Winn Thinks He Gets Off Easily. 14 Amusements and Music.

Short Cut to Bankruptey. 17 Telephones and the Public.

Roster of the Unpensioned Ones.

22 Condition of Omaha's Trade, 23 Financial and Commercial. Millard is Stlent on Summers.

25 to 40 The Illustrated Bee. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour, Deg. Hour. Deg. 5 a. m. 28 1 p. m. 36 6 n. m 29 2 p. m 37 7 n. m..... 30 8 n. m..... 31 0 a. m 32 10 a. m 34

paper Men and Cargo of Supplies for Fastern Armies.

Japan. The China was scheduled to leave reach this port, Mr. Smith deplored the suspicions of this port yesterday, but was detained to into the hands of the Japanese.

French Policy is to Avoid Entanglements and Maintain Neutrality. PARIS, Feb. 27.-Reports of Interna tional entanglements growing out of the war continue to occupy a prominent place "It is to the interest of the United in the sensational branch of the precs. Says Harbor Was Not Closed by Attories and their disgust at the discreditable the crown of Austria is concerned. Court pals it to aid its ally or forever relinquish terms of the Cuban treaty, always has the States," the consul general at St. Peters- But within a week the officials of the govadvantage of its preferential granted by burg continued, "to continue on the best ernment, who are in close and constant France's most earnest hope today is the treaty, and as the increase, which of terms with Russia, as it is, I think there touch with the cabinets of other capitals, "that the war be stopped." If Russia went into effect February 5, affects all has been a deal of exaggeration in the reican sympathy for the Japs. I do not ques- likely, at least for the present; second, that tion the existence of such sympathy, but France is in no present or prospective

> that among Americans there are many - Concerning the ability of France to hold aloof from the war, the officials base their Speaking of conditions in Russia, Mr. belief on the experience of the first few in letters from St. Petersburg that the mination to observe neutrality brought out current expenses were over and above the a sentimental reaction favorable to Rusto 3,500,000 rubles daily. He did not think scriptions in behalf of that country. The Russia would need to have recourse to authorities now have been able to take -Charles F. Murphy has demonstrated a foreign loan. An internal loan probably into account all the various currents, the would be necessary, but this would be result being a firm conviction that France will not have its hand forced by internal

agitation or external complications. An official said today that the Corean-Japanese treaty had been the occasion for putting out a number of reports calculated to foment discord between France and Corea and perhaps force the hand of France in relation to other powers particularly Russia. The authorities had taken note that the reports emanated from high Japanese sources. But, the official de clared. French policy was definitely fixed to maintain neutrality and to refrain from the slightest active preparation in the war. and this will not be changed by the Corean-Japanese treaty or other events so far as possibly can be foreseen at present.

PRAISES JAPANESE COMMISSARY Foreign Experts Think Much of Way

Food is Handled.

especially commends the arrangement. Each infantry unit has a detachable cylperforated kettle in which may be cooked that the Japanese fleet sustained no damenough rice for one meat for 100 men. With the troops are carried half pound tins of meat. Eighty of these tins are RUSSIAN STORY OF THE FIGHT packed in a box and three boxes make a load for a horse. Rice is carried in sixtypound sacks, one mick being a load for man carrier, two sacks for a pony. The army takes with it a quantity of sulphate of sodium to purify drinking water. Each Arthur correspondent of the Russ telesolder carries an aluminum mess pan of graphs as follows: German pattern which contains two rations of cooked rice, and in addition, six emergency rations of rice which, kaving been polled and dried in the sun, are wrapped

RUSSIA REFUSES TO MAKE A LOAN Informs Foreign Bankers There is No Necessity for It.

in cotton bage and weigh very little.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27 .- The ministry of finance, it is stated, has again declined firmly the offers of several groups of leading foreign banks to float a Russian oan, on the ground that there is no need

for adopting such a course. According to a telegram received here from the commander of the Russian cruiser Askold, at Port Arthur, all rumors regard ing the sinking of his vessel are false. The commander adds that the Askold is quite

Count Leo Tolstoi has contributed 1,000 sets of his works, the profit from the sale of which is to be expended for the benefit of the troops taking part in the campaign in the far east.

FENCE OF INFANTRY

THE RESERVE OF THE PROPERTY OF

Russian Soldiers Guard Road Between Lian Yang and River.

FRONT AND FLANKS STRONGLY SUPPORTED

Right Flank is at Taku Shan and Left Near Wiju.

RUSSIAN CAVALRY CROSSES YALU RIVER

Occupies Road Between Antang and Yongampho Toward Suk Chon.

COSSACK SCOUTS ROAM CARAVAN ROUTES

Russian Land Force Now Presents Almost Solid Wall of Bayonets and Sabers Along River and Railroad.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) SECUL, Feb. 27 .- (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.)-The vicinity of Ping Yang or Anju will probably be the scene of the first engagement shortly. A large body of Russians with fifty-four guns has reached Anju, sixty miles north of Ping Yang. Other detachments of Russian soldiers are at various places between Anju and the Yalu river. The force, probably totalling 5,000 men, has now crossed into northern Corea. The telegraph lines from Ping Yang to the north have been suddenly interrupted, indicating the presence of Russian scouts. MOSCOW, Feb. E. According to the latest information in high in'litary circles, Russian infantry has occupied the road between Liau Yang, on the ratiroad from 4 p. m. 40 Mukden to Port Arthur, and the Yalu 5 p. m. 41 river, its front and flank being strangle 6 p. m..... 40 supported. The right flank is at Taku 7 p. m.... ftt Shan and the left near the town of Wi Ju. The Russian cavalry crossed the Yalu between Antung and Yongampho and occupled the road toward Suk Chon, and Cos-CHINA RELIEVED OF HER PORK sack scouts advanced along the greater and esser caravan routes. Scouts are now ten Ship for the Orient Carries News- miles east of Phyeng Yang. The cavalry is 355 miles north and the infantry 125 miles

northwest of Phyeng Yang. CHE FOO, Feb. 27.-Séveral Japanese officers and sailors who landed here from SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27-The Pacific an open boat early today refused to give Mail company's steamship China sailed for any information as to othere they came the Orient today with a big cargo and a from. At the Japanese comulate it was large number of passengers, including given out that they belong to a gunboat many newspaper men, who will report the which was damaged during the fight off

The statement that they were members of Russia, which appeared to be prevalent permit the removal from its hold of 4,000 the crews of the merchant steamers sunk casks of mess pork which had been con- near the entrance of Port Arthur for signed to the Russian government. It was the purpose of blocking it, and that feared by the shippers that it might fall they were not picked up by the torpedo. boats in company, was positively denied. They crossed the gulf in the open boat in TRYING TO FORCE HAND OF FRANCE. which they arrived. The consul caimed that he had been expecting the arrival of survivors of the action off Port Arthur.

KAMIMURA REPORTS BOMBARDMENT

tempt of Japanese. TOKIO, Feb. 27.-The official report of he attempt made last Twesday night to lock the entrance of the barbor of Port Arthur reached Tokio last night (Friday) The report was written by Vice Admiral Kamimura, d.vision con-mander under Admiral Togo. The report asserts that at a certain point near Fort Arthur Toesday evening a number of merchant steamers, escorted by a torpedo Settla, were dispatched for the purpose of closing the entrance to the harbor. The torpedo flotilla rejoined the neet at 10 a. m. Wednesday at sea at a rendezvous previously agreed upon and reported that the steamer Hokoku Maru had been sunk at the foot of the lighthouse on the left side of the entrance. The Bushiu Maru was sunk outside, beyond the Hokoku Maru. The Ten shin Marc. the Buoy Maru and Jinsen Maru were sunk at the foot of Laotche Hill, almost side by side. All the above mentioned steamers were sonk by the own crews, who were all safely rescued

The torpedo flotilla was unharmed. The torpedo flotilla also reported that it discovered the Russian cruisers Bayan and Novik, together with a few destroyers, in the outer harbor. After the flotilia joined t the main fleet advanced slowly on Port Arthur, where it found the Russian cruisers Bayan, Askold and Novik slowly moving about the outer harbor under cover of the patteries A bombardment began at long range and at 11:15 a. m. all the ships and batteries were responding vigorously Shortly after noon the Novik retreated into the inner harbor. The Askold and Bayan, quickly following, demonstrating that the sinking of the steamers had not blocked the entrance of the harbor. A bombardment of the inner harbor was then ordered NEW YORK, Feb. 37 .- Foreign military and for fifteen minutes all the heavy guns experts loudly praise the excellence of the of the Japanese fleet threw shells over the Japanese arrangements for the transport hills into the harbor. The Japanese were of their commissariat, says a World dis- unable to determine the effect of the bompatch from Koyang, Cerea. General Allen, bardment, but saw huge columns of smoke U. S. A., who is here on leave of absence, arising from time to time. In the meantime the Japanese cruiser squadron discovered two Russian torpedo destroyers at the inder two and one-half feet high and two foot of Laotche Hill and gave chase. One and one-half feet in diameter in which to of the destroyers escaped, but the other build fires. The cylinder seats a large was pursued into Pigeon bay, where it was sheet fron kettle and this again holds a sunk. Vice Admiral Kamumura reports

age and did not lose a single man.

Correspondent of St. Petersburg Paper Tells of Engagement. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27 .- The Port

on the morning of February 25 a Japanese squadron, consisting of six battle-ships and four light cruisers appeared the horizon. The Russian cruisers Azkold, Bayan and Novik were in the outer harbor. The Japanese ships, upon attaining a position within thirty-five cable lengths (about four and one-quarter miles) of the Russian ships opened an attack. At this time two of our torpedo bouts were returning to our ships from Pigeen bay. All the Japanese cruisers attempted to cut them off; nevertheless one of the torpedo bouts succeeded in reaching Port Arthur, while the other turned back. The scene of the battle was thus cut in two, the Japanese battleships cannonading the Askeld, Bayan and Novik, which were supported by the Russian torpedo boat which

Japanese battleships cannonading the Askold. Bayan and Novik, which were supported by the batteries, and the cruisers pursuing the Russian torpedo hoat which entered Pigeon bay.

The cannonading lasted forty minutes and several shells fell at various points in the fortress. One Chinaman was mortally wounded by a splinter and one by a shell. In yesterday's affair the maneuvers of the Japanese appeared to be defective. While turning back to sea the Japanese battleships got bunched and our ships did not fall to take advantage of this fact. They opened a running fire and one could clearly see shalls bursting smidst the tremendous target. This clumsy maneuver on the part of the Japanese is considered as affording weighty reason for the belief that the enemy's losses were heavy.

A Japanese torpedo boat lies on a bank off Fort White Wolf. It apparently is

Survive the Budget Vote.

Borry to See it Earlier.

DEFICIT WHICH MEANS NEW TAXATION bringing the torpedo to its present state of effectiveness.

The result of the torpedo work causes

Prime Minister Balfour to invite defeat on new steering apparatus straight shooting to go away for the present, but to remain now is certain.

> torpedoes, was founded in 1858. When em- for examination March 1. This is reploying a full complement of 900 skilled garded as significant. hands it can turn out two complete tormen employed, nearly all Croatians, receive a high rate of pay, for this country, some earning \$3.50 a day. It was said 1.

Pensant Girl.

The present runaway archduke, is 23 years old, is next younger in the family to Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, who eloped with Tutor Giron. Their eldest brother. at the same time his sister ran off with Giron. The latest hero of romance is named Joseph Ferdinand Salvator, Francis Leopold, Anthony, Albert John The Baptist, Charles Louis Rupert, Mary Euxiliatrix, and he is a knight of the Spanish Order of the Golden Fleece. To the other punishments inflicted upon Louise, has been added an

arms, thereby disinheriting her, and turnin her out of the Austrian imperial family.

(Copyright, 1904, by Press Publishing Co.) BREST, Feb. 27 .- (New York World Cathe Annanziata, and therefore is addressed blegram - Special Telegram.) - Rebellion would convulse any state in America if law or custom should order all marriages before he withdrew from the room for to be solemnized together in one particular special blessing for her husband, day. Such is the strange rule in a queer section of Brittany, near Brest, where stand the little towns of Ploughastel and tation consented, saying: "All right; I Daoulas. Besides, the young women know nothing of the joys and heart pangs of courtship. The inhabitants seem either of This fact made a great impression in Spanish or Asiatic origin. In each village is a matchmaker, called the "Bastalaine, connected with the government was ta- who arranges the marriages. He needs

> man: "You will take to wife such and such a girl." The marriages being arranged, all brides, however unwilling, and all bridegrooms, however unhappy, meet at the church arch door, the women flocking on one side, the men on the other. The brides and bridegrooms join each other before the altar in turn. After the wholesale wedding is a common banquet, at which 2,000 guests at tended this year, coming from the countryside. After the feast, which left heaps of tipsy people and tables, the brides, accord-

take up their abode in their own homes.

Paris Pets Must Wear Goggles and Blankets to Protect Their Eyes and Lungs.

legram-Special Telegram.)-The automobile has been bad for the dog in the road unlucky enough to stay in its way, but it also has been and is bad for the dog that rides with his master. The dust gives Before the Boer war British consols were him sore eyes and he catches cold. Now it is no uncommon sight in Paris to see the dog peering from the front seat through enormous goggles, such as the chauffeur himself wears. He wears a heavy blanket, tailored to fit snugly, and a scarf about his neck to keep pnsumonia at a distance. speculators who met with no success.

FRENCH ARE NERVOUS TIRE OF SAN DOMINGO TROUBLE

Business Interests Urge the Adminis-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.-(New York COULD PLAY THE ROLE OF PEACEMAKER GOVERNMENT PREPARING FOR EVENT comingo complication have made many ommunications are sometimes written, but frequently they are oral. Both ask that the United States interfere to the extent of establishing a stable government on the island, such as we have done in Cuba. At present the revolutions on the Island are so many that it is impossible for the people to

> period, at least. American business interests in Sar

Discriminates Against United States.

"The United States, according to the

Checkmates the Plans of Ex-Senator Hill and William R. Hearst. NEW YORK, Feb. 27 .- (New York Service-Special Telegram to the Bee.) demostate convention select the entire dele-

various congressional districts to the Neither the friend, of David B. Hill nor fully the importance of this move, though them absolutely. Mr. Hearst has been confident that he would obtain a few delegates from districts in the interior of New York state pledged to his candidacy at the convention. He has been hard at work in Troy and in other districts in western

of the congressional convention and naming men who would support him,

vent Their Sale to Other Countries.

all prefects of provinces ordering that a trade. special inventory and photographs of all artistic, ancient tapestries existing in Italy made to more easily prevent the sale of such valuable works to other countries. newspaper of the recent exposition of