LEOPOLD WILL REPLY

King of Belgium Requested to Answer Complaint of Missionaries.

MAILS DOCUMENTS OF CONGO FREE STATE

King Represented as Attaching Due Importance to Een: mints of Pre's.

Allage that No Respect is Shown Their

Property Rights.

MANY ATROCITIES CHARGED TO RULERS As a Result of the Cruelties It

is Said the Natives Are Driven Away from the Mis-

LONDON, March 27 .- The following tele grams have been exchanged between the Associated Press and King Leopold of Belgiumi

To His Majesty, Leopoid II, King of the Beigiums, Brusseis; The Associated Press, representing the newspaper press of the United States, would be happy to cable to the United States any subsequent your majesty might see fit to make in relation to the charges against the government of the Compo Free State regarding atroctics compilled atom the natives made to President tango free State regarding atroches com-nicted upon the natives made to Freetdent Rosseveli and Secretary of State Hay by a delegation from the missionary congress. The American press is anxious to hear both sides of the case and would welcome any reply from your majesty to the allega-tions of the missionaries that their rights are not respected and that the natives are now in a worse condition than under the Arab slave regime.

The foregoing was signed by the manage of the Associated Press, to which King Leopoid replied through his secretary, as

To the Manager of the Associated Press:
The king attaches great importance to the
impartial sentiments of the American press.
I have mailed you official documents from
the Congo Free State in which you will
find all the facts essential to a full and
truthful statement of the case.
(Signed.)

CARTON DE WIART,
Secretary to the King.

Cause of the Complaints.

Representatives of the American Baptist, the Southern Presbyterian and the Disciples of Christ African Missions called on President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay Friday last and described the affairs in the Congo country as viewed from the missionary standpoint. The principal feature of the conferences between the president and the secretary and the missionaries consisted of the stories by the latter of atrocities inflicted on the natives by their Belgian rulers.

The missionaries said that their work SERVICE ENDS IN DISORDER was rendered nearly valueless by the attitude of the Belgian officials, who monopolized all of the food supplies, making it difficult for the missions to procure vege tables or fowls or anything to eat from the natives, who were obliged to turn their produce into the hands of the officers. Then by the cruelties practiced upon the natives the latter were driven away from the missions and the schools were emptied.

In addition it was pointed out that no respect was shown for the property rights of the missionaries and it was on this last ground that the delegation thought the Secretary Hay asked the missionaries to reduce their views to a written memorandum, which he said he would consider, though he could not hold out any definite promise of relieving the situation so far the natives were concerned, because the United States was not one of the signatories to the treaty under which the Congo Free State came into existence

President Gives Promise. A statement of the events leading up to the present condition of affairs was subsequently prepared by the delegation for transmission to the State department, in which it was declared that as a result of the absolute power of the king of the Belgians the freedom of trade guaranteed by the conference of Berlin was now a thing of the past. The president promised to give the subject laid before him by the missionaries careful consideration and requested that he be supplied with an accurate and detailed statement of it.

PRESERVING FAMOUS CASTLE Italian Government Undertakes to

Preserve the Celebrated Structure of Canossa.

(Copyright, 1904, by Press Publishing Co. FLORENCE, Italy, March 21 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-To save the historic castle of Canossa from falling into ruln the Italian government has begun to restore it. The once important town has dwindled to an insignificant vii- | most a score of persons were injured. Four lage, but the castle has been prominent as of the most seriously injured, two women the scene of an incident that marked the highest point of papal supremacy.

It was there that Henry IV, hely Roman emperor, the greatest of earthly potentates of his day, humiliated himself in the year A. D. 1077, before Pope Gregory VII, who door at the rear of the church, the only had excommunicated him in a clash of au- exit. Women and children were trampled winter, barefoot and clad in the coarse others in their endeavor to get out of the shirt of a penitent, the secular sovereign building and in the height of the confustood in the castle court yard entreating before the sovereign pontiff to admit and

AMBASSADOR DINED BY EMPEROR

Kniser William Entertains America:

on Board His Yacht. NAPLES, March 27 -On the invitation of Emperor William, Ambassador Meyer came to Naples from Rome and dined with his majesty on board the German imperial yacht Hohenzollern. The ambassador sat at the right of the Emperor, on whose left was Father Boniface Krug, formerly of the Benedictine abbey at Beatty, Pa., and now abbot of the abbey of Monte Cassino. The amhassador and the abbot were the only guests of the emperor, who jokingly said that it was an American dinner

At the request of the emperor Ambasador Meyer accompanied him and Pather Krug to Monte Cassino, where they visited the abbey and admired the work of res toration of the famous mosales there Speaking of the condition of the emperor, Ambassador Meyer said:

"Emperor William looks extremely well just as he did when I saw him at Kiel last summer. His voice is as strong is ever and he is in excellent spirits,"

PREACHES ON THE HILL OF MARS.

Rev. John Potts of Toronto Addresses

Americans in Athens, ATHENS, March 37 .- Rev. John Potts of Toronto, Ont., preached on "The Hill of Mars" today to the delegates to the World's Sunday school convention. The ministers and delegates repeated St. Paul's address to the Athenians. All the members of the proceed to Jerusalem, where the meeting of the convention will be held.

KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY WORLD'S FAIR AT SHANGHAI

Arch Council of that Order = ill Meet in Indianapolis in April.

APOLIS, March 27.—(Special.)—
of considerable interest of considerable interest in colteck letter circles is the grand of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternt, or this city, April 5-8. The grand arch council is the biennial national conention of this fraternity and the 500 members of the fraternity in Indiana have al fined up to make the coming convention

MISSIONARIES BLAME THE OFFICIALS the biggest in the history of the fraternity The convention will be given under the uspices of the Indianapolis and Anderson Purdue.

be the tonstmuster

The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity has a total serious. izations, having been founded in 1852. Judge Portland. Ore.," said the senator. York to Indianapolis. The Boston dele- every manufacturing center in this conburg and Cleveland

Among the men of national prominence in the fraternity are Senator Foraker. Congressmen Watson, Bingham (known as the "Father of the House"), Needham. Bates, Finley, Acheson and Williams (III.), ex-Senator Mitchell of Pennsylvania, Roswell Field, James Whitcomb Riley, Robert J. Burdette, ex-Governor Lloyd Lowndes of Maryland, Governor Chamberlain of Oregon, Carl Schurz, John B. Gough, John G. Woolley, President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton, President Edmund Janes of Northwestern, Dr. White, professor of Greek at Harvard; Prof. Amos Dolbear of Tufts, Dr. Ernest M. Stires, rector of St. Thomas' in New York: David H. Greer, bishop condjutor of the diocese of New York; S. C. T. Dood, general solicitor of the Standard Oil company; Mayor Warfield of Baltimore, John B. Springer, mentioned as a candidate for the vice presidency on the democratic ticket, and Prof. Frank Fetter, secretary of the American Economic association.

Broad Views on the Bible Incenses

Part of Congregation Against Minister Who Resigns.

CLEVELAND, O., March 27.-The pastorate of Rev. J. Alford Fisher of the ship is indicated by the large number of Franklin Avenue Congregational church was terminated in a sensational manner today. Mr. Fisher has since coming to the church last November been charged with affairs, These communications are from too liberal views in his pulpit utterances historical societies, boards of trade, patriand has been asked to resign. His contract, however, extends for three months onger. The congregation is willing to pay him for that period if he resigns immediately.

Mr. Fisher was to have preached twice today-morning and evening. The morning services terminated in disorderly scenes when Mr. Fisher made a reference to the manner in which many people regard the Bible. He declared it had been made a fetish. Thereupon Deacon Thomas Henderson arose in his seat and said that Mr. Fisher came to the church under false pretenses, that he had accepted the pastorate as a minister of the gospel.

The congregation then took sides with and against the pastor, and a number of persons moved toward the pulpit which Mr. Fisher had just left. He was not allowed to again enter it during the morning service. Mr. Fisher will leave Cleveland captured. Both messages were immeditorate and that he will devote his time to lecturing. Mr. Fisher came to Cleveland from the church of the late Dr. Scudder cated. of Brooklyn, N. Y., and is widely known.

PANIC OCCURS IN CHURCH Fool Cries "Fire!" During Prayer

and as Result Almost Score of

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 27 .- A panic occurred at the morning service in St. Mary's church here teday in which aland two children, were taken to the New Haven hospital.

Someone in the congregation shouted "fire" during a prayer and immediately sion someone sent in a fire alarm. With great difficulty the firemen succeeded in forcing back the struggling mass that be-

came wedged in the doorway. Finally when the building was freed of cople two women and two girls were and on the floor badly hurt. The injuries of the others were attended by ambulance surgeons and physicians. The police and sembers of the church have made an investigation, but no reason for anyone giving an alarm of fire has been discovered.

SHIPS COLLIDE IN THE FOG Parthian Reaches Port Without

Smokestack and Schooner Arrives with Bowsprit Broken.

PHILADELPHIA, March teamer Parthian and the schooner Cora F. Crossey, which arrived here today from Boston, were in collision five miles northeast of Five Fathom Bank lightship durthian's foretop mast and smokestack were carried away and several plates above the the Detroit, the Queen Charlotte and the fractured.

forerigging damaged. No one was hurt.

DOWIE IN TROUBLE IN AUSTRALIA.

Insults King Edward and Government Refuses Him Public Building. ADELAIDE, Australia, March 27.-In Edward, the government has refused the use of public buildings to John Alexander 1876, the year of the Philadelphia centennial party from the United States are and will Dowie. The mayor of Adelaide wrote to when the Lawrence was sold and raised, Dowle telling him he was a disgrace to the nationality.

Senator Districh Hava Plan to Gain Trade in the Orient.

SHOW GOODS TO EASTERN BUYERS

Permanent Exposition at Important Gatherings Only Monns of Letting Chine Linew What We Have to Sell,

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, March 27 .- (Special.)-A Alumni associations of the fraternity and few days ago a dinner was given here in known that they are dead, and it is be the three chapters in the state, Alpha at honor of several Chinese merchants from lieved they were killed, DePauw, Beta at Indiana and Delta at San Francisco who were on a visit to the east. Among the guests were the Chinese The convention will close with a big minster and a number of senators and of the riot is not given out freely, it is banquet at the Claypool hotel Friday members of congress. When the cigars difficult to obtain details, but there is no expected to reach the city before midnight. at the long distance telephone many min have 500 members of the fraternity seated. the Chinese minister, responded to the Senator Foraker will respond to a toast on toast, "The Emperor of China," and he this occasion, as will James Whitcomb took occasion to tell the guests something Riley, Congressman Watson, Robert Bur- of the Chinese people and their rulers. dette, Roswell Field and other men of na- There were other speeches, mostly of a tional prominence. John L. Griffiths will semi-humorous character, but when Senater Dietrich of Nebraska arose he was The senator visited China last membership of nearly 10,000. It has chap- year and during his stay in the Orient ters in forty colleges, alumni associations he took occasion to look about. "If, inin twenty-seven cities and an alumni club stead of spending \$10,000,000 in an exposition at Harvard university. It is one of the in St. Louis and a few millions more for a most prominent of the Greek letter organ- like purpose in Jamestown, Va., and in C. T. P. Moore, one of the founders, is should appropriate a million or two for the still living at his home near Pittsburg, establishment of a permanent exposition A "Phi Psi special" will run from New in Shanghat the results would be felt in gation will come to New York to board try. Shanghal is the Liverpool of the Orithe special and it will pick up delega- ent. It is the entre port of a vast territory tions at Philadelphia, Wilkesbarre, Pitts. Which affords almost unlimited opportunities for American trade expansion. We bar the Chinese from this country and few

what we have to sell-"The establishment of permanent expo sitions in Shanghal, Singapore and one or two other far eastern ports would result United States. I firmly believe that if the initial step were taken by the federal authorities manufacturers would not be slow to seize the opportunity to display their wares where the eastern buyer could readily see what we have to offer. Then, too, such expositions would give the peopl of the east a chance to exhibit what they Furious Windstorm Sweeps Over have to sell and beneficial results could not fail to follow. I have had conferences with the president, the secretary of state and the secretary of commerce on this subject and they are favorably inclined toward. the idea. I believe that within a very few years this plan will be adopted and that we shall have permanent exhibits of the products of American manufactories in the very places where the greatest results of

such exhibits are to be gained."

To Raise Ningara. Congress probably will pass at this sesdon the bill authorizing an appropriation for the raising of the Niagara, Commodore Perry's flagship, which lies at the bottom of Presque Isle bay, Lake Eric. That there is a strong sentiment throughout the ountry in favor of raising the old warletters, resolutions and other communications approving the idea which have been otic orders and other organizations in ev- and planter. istrict, appropriates \$10,000 "for the exsense of digging out and raising the hulk of the Niagara, which new ites sunk in old hulk and erect it over a Perry memor-

ial building, free to the public It was while standing on the deck of the veal greater loss of life. Niagara that Commodore Perry wrote the thrilling message telling of his great victory over the British fleet: "We have met the enemy and they are ours." This message, which was written on the back of an old letter, was addressed to General Harrison. A few minutes later he wrote the report to the secretary of the navy, beginning: "It has pleased the Almighty to signal victory over their enemies on the soon, and says he will never accept a pas- ately sent by schooner to the mouth of the Portage river, twelve miles away, where General Harrison's headquarters were lo-

Commodore Perry's Triumph

The news of the victory threw the country into ecstacles. Through all the states and 222 will be necessary to nominate. On bonfires were lighted, bells were rung and the returns at hand Davis has 188 delegates speeches made. Perry was young, hand- and Judge Carroll D. Wood 125. Of the some and dashing, and his achievements remaining 129 delegates Davis is sure of excited the fancy and revived the depressed at least one-third. It is probable that the spirits of the patriots. Philadelphia took a | total vote in the state will reach 125,000. day and a night to rejoice, and various cities voted the victors testimonial swords and adopted memorials and resolutions. A letter received by Perry when he reached Detroit from the secretary of the mavy couched in flattering terms, announced his promotion and granted him leave of absence to visit his family in Rhode Island. Nothing detaining him, Perry took General Harrison and staff on board the Ariel and sailed the worshipers arose and rushed for the for Buffalo, the command of the fleet having been transferred to Captain Elliot. The excitement over the victory having in no thority. For three days in the depth of upon and dragged along the floor by the way abated, Perry's reception at every port was wildly enthusiastic. The rejoicing of the people made his trip one of triumphal progress. President Madison, in a message, declared that Perry's victory "had never been surpassed in lustre." Congress also adopted a resolution thanking the commo dore and the other officers and men of the squadron for "the decisive and glorious victory over a British aquadron of superior The president also presented gold orce " nedals to Perry and Elliot, bearing an mblematic device of the action between the squadrons; a silver medal to each commissioned officer, either of the army or the pavy on board, and swords to the nearest relatives of the two heroes. Lieutenant John Brooks and Midshipman Henry Laub

Nearly Seventy Years Under Water. Peace was declared on March 24, 1814, and in the following July an order was sent from Washington to dispose of some of the smaller vessels that had seen service during the war and to sink the Detroit, the Queen Charlotte and the Lawrence in some suitable place in Lake Erie for preservation The three vessels were sunk side by sid ing a fog Saturday morning. The Par- at the side of the Niagura, which was kept affoat. A few years later the Lawrence water line on the starboard side were Niagara were purchased by Benjamin H. Brown of Rochester, who subsequently sold The schooner's bowsprit was broken and them to Captain George Nilcs of Erie, who in 1836, raised the three vessels, intending fit them up for the merchant service He found the two prizes in tolerable condi on, but the Lawrence was so badly riddled by shot that it was not worth refitting As the Niagara was too small for the mer chant service and besides was badly damonsequence of a speech insulting King aged, both that ship and the Lawrence were sunk. They were not disturbed until

(Continued on Second Page.)

TWO MORE NEGROES KILLED SNOW BLOCKADES BROKEN NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST JAPS ARE REPULSED

Believed Race War Near St. Charles Will End When Troublesome Blacks Are All Dead.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 27 .- A spe clai to the Gazette from Dewitt, Ark., says: Two more negroes have been killed ! he clash between whites and blacks at St. Charles, fifteen miles from here, it Arkansas county. This brings the total o dead negroes up to thirteen, all of then being killed within the last week.

The last two negroes killed were the Griffin brothers, Henry and Walter, who were the cause of the trouble. The negroes were reported to have escaped, but it is Owing to the remoteness of St. Charles

evening. April 8, at which it is hoped to were lighted. Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, doubt of the authenticity of the report The officials report that the line is again with reference to the death of the Griffins. In the St. Charles neighborhood the negroes largely outnumber the whites, and It is said the negroes for the past two years It is believed that the leaders of the un-

> further trouble will be averted. Yesterday was election day and usually n such a day St. Charles is crowded with negroes, but during the entire day only two negroes were seen in the town and to become blockaded and the passengers these two appeared in the morning and were taken to hotels to remain until the stayed in the village but a short time. Near St. Charles the negroes are quiet and

are attending strictly to their work. The trouble originated last Monday, when ers, named Searcy. The Searcys, who were fishermen, and the Griffins had an altereation a few days before, and when they of them ever have an opportunity to learn | met the trouble was renewed. One of the negroes armed himself with a leg of a chair and with his brother assaulted the white men, beating them so severely that one is now on the verge of death and the in inestimable benefit to the trade of the other is in a critical condition. In an effort to arrest the Griffins eleven negroes lave been killed. The death of the two Griffins makes the death list number thirteen.

TORNADO BLOTS OUT LIVES

State of Missouri and Does Much Damage. MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 27.-A special

to the Commercial Appeal from Carruthersville, Mo., says: A tornado swept the country twenty miles north of here last night, causing a great loss of life and destroying thousands

of dollars worth of property. The wires have been down all day and authentic news is hard to get, but as beproperty increases. It is now known that dollars worth of property destroyed.

The lives of the Shuemaker family, livblotted out and their home demolished. The family of Wesley Miller, living two received by the house committee on naval and their home demolished. Their bodies lated. Mr. Miller was a wealthy mill owner

Fifteen hundred dollars in money belong- that a break had been found in the leving to him was found scattered over the at River avenue. The mayor ordered ground.* Much stock was killed and sacks of sand and bales of hay to be heads cut off and stripped of their feathers. Lake Erie." Mr. Betes' idea is to raise the Fence posts were blown from the ground

JEFF DAVIS IN THE LEAD Believed He Has Enough Counties in

Arkansas to Give Him Nomina

tion for Third Term.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 27.-Returns give to the arms of the United States a from a majority of the counties of Arlake," and presenting a list of the prizes Davis has probably carried enough counties to give him the democratic nomination for a third term. In half a dozen counties the vote is so close that the official count will be necessary to decide.

The democratic state convention, which meets in Hot Springs on the second Tuesday in June, will consist of 442 delegates. Later returns on the governorship tonight were encouraging to the Wood men and indicate that the contest is by no

means settled yet. There are nine counties in which the official vote is necessary to decide. They have forty-eight delegates in the state convention and it now appears certain that Wood has carried enough counties to give him 169 delegates, leaving the nine doubtful counties and several remote sections to hear from. Governor Davis' managers claim they will have 36 delegates.

RUDOLPH WANTS SAME BURIAL Expresses Wish to Be Laid Beside Collins, with Services by Catholic Priest.

ST. LOUIS. March 27.-The body of George Collins, who was executed at Union, Mo., yesterday for the murder of Detective Charles J. Schumacher, was buried there in the Catholic cemetery acording to Catholic rites, performed by the village priest. When William Rudolph. 'ollins' partner, in the jail here awaiting execution on May 13, was told of the disposal of Collins' body, he said;

"I want the same services by that priest and I want to be buried by the side of

WANT FOREIGNERS EXCLUDED Stirred by the Action of Egyptian. Students of the University Cir-

culate a Petition.

COLUMBIA, Mo., March 27.-The students f the University of Missouri have circu lated a petition asking that foreigners be excluded from the men's dormitory. The petition followed the announcement that an Egyptian student at the university had provailed upon several of his countrymer o enter the university next year, and the students claim that the dormitory should be used by the Missouri students alone.

Passed Japanese Fleet.

CHE FOO. March 27.-The steamer Activ us arrived here from Kobe, Japan. It

Northern Pacific Coast Train Still Tied Up

West of Dickinson. FLOODS IN INDIANA ENDANGER LIFE

Wabash and White Rivers Highes in Twenty Years and Reservoir at Bluffton Causes Deepest Concern.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 27,-The first transcontinental train to get through the snow blockade in North Dakota reached St. Paul over the Great Northern road at and to the fact that the news of the result is o'clock today. Another train came in during the afternoon and two more are ter of the Russian ambassador, has been open and traffic has been resumed, al though there is still some delay.

No Northern Pacific coast train has ye trouble has been brewing for a long time. reached St. Paul and the road is still tied up west of Dickinson, N. D. It is exhave been getting insolent and belligerent. | pected, however, that the blockade will be broken tonight. Passengers on the deruly element have been killed and that layed trains state that they were well cared for, and beyond the inconvenience of being ded up, there was no suffering. The trains were held at division points when it was seen that the line was likely company could clear the track of the im-

mense snowdrifts. Officials of the northern lines state that this has been one of the flercest battles the two Griffins met two white men, broth- with snowdrifts they have ever experienced and that even the immense rotary plows which were sent against the drifts pushed by three heavy engines, were almost powerless to cope with the huge mouninstances blasting had to be resorted to.

Trains Delayed by Floods.

BLUFFTON, Ind., March 27,-The Wabash river has been rising steadily since last fripperies so hard to resist will be disnight and tonight it is higher than for played. twenty years. Hundreds of acres of lowlands are under water and people here are fearful that the reservoir at Celica may in which the children will be the dancers brenk, causing great loss of life. The road and the "grownups" the spectators, is to torpedoed the leading ship. leading north out of Bluffton and another to the east are both under water and impassable.

PRINCETON, Ind., March 27,-The Wabash. White and Patoka rivers are rising gowns, with petite aprons of platted silk, very rapidly tonight. The loss has reached, large picture hats to match, with lace are greatly delayed.

Water Carries Off Homes.

INDIANAPOLIS. March 27.-The city PEERS APPROVE THE TOBACCO BILL street railway and interurban system are without power, because of the flooding of the power house near White river. Communication with North and West Indianlated reports come in the less of life and apolis is cut off by the fleod, which has swept away bridges. The city is still withsix lives have been lost and thousands of out water owing to the flooding of the water works pumping station.

Many houses have been carried down ing near Portageville, four in number, were White river and a shattered against the stone bridges, which connect the city proper with the suburbs. King & Co., the miles west of Mount Pleasant, was killed Indiana furniture factory, and the Indiana Foundry company are closed down because were found 200 yards way badly muti- of the flood, which has reached the second story of their cellars.

Mayor Holtzman was tonight informed wounded. Chickens were found with their transported to the scene at once and used in repairing the rupture.

A lake of water two and one-half miles anl glant trees were twisted aside like in length and stretching from one point straws. It is feared a full report will re- at the canal at Thirtieth street across the White river through Riverside park and over a mile back from the river in the low farm lands, is the condition northwest of the city. Riverside park, from Thirtieth street bridge to its northern

oundary, is under five feet of water, The overflow from White river has backed in on the other side of the Big gain. The committee recommended that Four tracks at the park and stretches north over the golf links and as far as the eye can reach. Acre after acre of signed. kansas tonight show that Governor Jeff valuable farm land is boundated and fences were swept away by the swift current of the overflow yesterday. Farmers worked all day yesterday getting cattle and other

stock out of the water's reach. Grand Rapids Alarmed.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 27 .onditions in this city and nearby towns flood that has swollen the stream far out of its banks for the past three days. At showed a depth of 19.3 feet. This is three feet above the previous high water record,

The water has risen six inches since clock last evening. It is falling slightly, lowever, the drop in temperature having checked the small streams and surface drainage. The inhabitants of flooded houses are suffering greatly from cold and lack of food. There has been no loss of life thus far, but there is great suffering and a vast amount of sickness, it is feared, will follow the exposures sustained by many of the flood victims.

There is grave danger of an of typhoid fever following the flood, as a result of the unsanitary conditions that he lowering of the waters will expose. Interurban cars are running only over portions of the roads out of Grand Rapids. Steam railway traffic is demoralized. Practically no trains are adhering to schedule on the roads that have their lines open The city lighting station is entirely cut off and out of commission. The city is in darkness again tonight,

Many of the West Side churches ar surrounded by water and were unable to hold services today. All schools on the West Side will be closed until further no The work of rescuing inhabitants of the flooded houses has continued throughut the day, a squad of local militia as-

port of his reconnoisance of the Eliot sisting the rescuers. It is conservatively estimated that the loss to property and business on account of the flood will exceed \$2,000,000. Fifteen by a Japanese gunbout. thousand men will be unable to work to norrow, owing to factories being com-DANILOFF TO BE FIELD LEADER. selled to close by the high water. Two housand homes are flooded on the West General Kouropatkin Expected to

Conditions at Other Points.

The flood conditions at Ionia, Lowell Portland and other points along the York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram Grand river are reported to be slightly lmproved tonight, the water having begun Kouropatkin will remain at Mukden. The full. These towns are practically iso- active leader, so to speak—the Skobeleff of lated by reason of the bridges across the Grand river going out, and it will be many tays before anything like normal traffic with the outside world will be established The flood loss at Ionia is estimated tonight

Niles reports tonight that no trains have been run today on the Michigan division which have been current for several days of the Big Four, as a result of the St. Joseph river flood; that the greater part reports that on the 25th inst. It passed a of the north end of the city is flooded and float of Japanese troops convoyed by cruiss that sand bags are being placed on the Chinese from that city, returned to The ers in the inland sea. They were bound dam across the river at that place to keep Tein Saturday, having satisfactorily ter-

Fair and Warmer Monday; Tuesday

Temperature at Omaha Vesterday:

Elaborate Fete.

utes in the last twenty-four hours, en

deavoring to obtain aid of prominent men

and women in New York, Chicago, Phila

delphia and Boston in the fair which will

be given here on May 10 for the benefit of

ated the idea yesterday morning, and has

is to be taken, and the most picturesque

lawn fete of the day is to take Washington

been busy, for telegraphic wires and the

Petersburg have been transmitting orders

to merchants to send novelties to be put on

the ground of hunarity. Patronage will

not be regarded as a deviation from neu-

trality in regard to the present war. There

latest novelties in hats, gloves, handker

the countless hundreds of other feminine

The various maids who are to help th

wear the most fetching of white muslin

Japanese Find Editor Akiyama Mer-

cenary, but Not a Spy.

Parliament has amended the tobacco mo-

clause from a sum equalling three years'

income to a sum equalling the amount of

sales for three years. M. Sone, the minister

of finance, opposed the amendment, and it

tion to Avoid Suspicton.

either combatant. They have ceased send-

specie train, as the delay is causing em-

A party of persons at Chemulpo, includ-

Letters received from the American mis-

Lead to Chinese House.

it is stated on apparently reliable au-

with Chinese troops which was being towed

Stay at Mukden.

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ST. PETERSBURG, March 27 .- (New

to The Bee.)-It is stated that General

Rumor of Chinese Mutiny Denied.

TIEN TSIN, March 27.-It is learned upon

eliable official authority that the rumors

of disaffection and mutiny amongst the

Chinese imperial troops on the border

are absolutely unfounded. Colonel Huenthe

of Chian Tai Kai's staff, who was sent to

Port Arthur ten days ago to remove the

the war-will be General Daniloff

minuted his refugee mission.

to continue their work unmolested.

the mines' hospital, is at Chemulpo,

mand specie.

of the women.

town.

TOKIO, March 27.-The lower house

countess in making the affair a success wifi

chiefs, stockings and shoes, blouses and

is to be a "Comptoir de Paris," fashioned

imported novelties can

be another drawing card.

her arm.

House of Peers.

of a salt monopoly.

ale to tempt the feminine heart as only

lost no time in putting it into operation

the Russian Red Cross society. She origin

3 p. m...... 4 p. m.....

5 p. m

7 p. m

8 p. m..... 9 p. m.....

Hour.

6 a. m..... 18

7 n. m 18

9 n. m 22

11 a. m 28

n. m..... 20

Make Another Daring Attempt to Bottle Up Harbor at Port Arthur.

WATCHFUL RUSSIANS NIP PLAN IN BUD

teries and Warsh ps.

Desperate Fire Opened by the Shore Bat-

BENEFIT FOR RUSSIAN RED CROSS. STEAMERS TURNED FROM THEIR COURSE Daughter of Ambassador Plans at

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WASHINGTON, March 27 .- (New York Herald Service-Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Countess Marguerite Cassini, daugh

RUSSIANS LOSE SEVEN MEN IN FIGHT Two Japanese Ships Grounded and

Two Sunk During the Bombardment, but Fate of Men is Not Known.

ST. PETERSBURG, March M.-Under cover of darkness this morning Vice Admiral Togo made another desperate attempt The largest available garden in the capital to bottle up the Russian fleet in Post Arthur, but he failed again, and when, after daylight, Vice Admiral Makaroff by storm. The telephone has not alone steamed out to give battle, the Japanese commander refused the challenge and cable between here and Paris and St. sailed away.

The Japanese practically repeated the tactics of February 24, by sending in four fireshis, preceded by a torpedo boatflotilla, with the exception that the fire-This function, though particularly for the ships this time were armed with Hotchkiss Russian Red Cross, will be an appeal on guns for the purpose of keeping off the

Russian torpede bont destroyers. The enemy's attempt was discovered by neans of the shore searchlights, and a heavy fire was opened from the batteries, like a Parisian millinery shop, where the and from two gunboats which were guarding the entrance to the harbor. The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Stilni was outside on scouting duty and the dash and herve of its commander, Lieutenant Krinikinl, is chiefly due to the complete defeat of Theatricals will be one of the attractions, the plans of the Japanese. He at once made with Pierots and Pierrettes. A ball costume. straight for the oncoming ships, under a hall of fire from the Hotchkiss guns, and

Three of the ships were shelled and piled up on the shore under Golden Hill and one under the lighthouse. The Etilni then engaged the entire six torpedo conts of the enemy, coming out from a terrific fight with seven killed and the commander and 100,000 in southwestern Indiana. All trains frills. The maidens and matrons assisting welve of its complement wounded, but on the Japanese side only one boat's crew was will each wear the Red Cross badge on saved. In addition, according to unofficial reports, it is believed that the Japanese

lost two torpedo boats. The Japanese cruisers which supported the attack exchanged shots with the batteries, and then drew off, after which Vice Admiral Makaroff took a steam launch and examined the fireships. An hour later the Japanese torpedo fletilla, followed by Vice nopoly bill by increasing the compensation Admiral Togo's fleet, came up from a southerly direction. Just at daybreak Vice. Admiral Makaroff, with his fleet, sailed out to engage the enemy, but after the ships was stated that the government anticipated and batteries had fired a few long-distance shots Vice Admiral Togo decided to decline taking strong ground against it in the

the issue and disappeared to the south-

ward. This auticipation proved unwarranted, as The news of the repulse of Vice Admiral oday the committee of the House of Peers, Togo's second attempt to block Port Arhaving the matter in charge, formally apthur created much rejoicing in the Russian re as amended and it is evident that the bill will pass the upper of the Stilni and its commander is the subhouse and become a law in its present form. ject of high praise; but above all the The committee of peers also approved all moral effect of Vice Admiral Makaroff's bills relating to war taxes as uniended in willingness to engage the enemy, showing the lower house. The principal amendments that he considered himself strong enough are the exclusion of tax on silk and the to fight, produced a splendid impression. abandonment of the plan for the creation In high official circles this new effort to bottle up the Russian ficet is looked The committee investigating the case of upon as meaning only one thing, namely, Editor Akiyama has reported that it is that the Japanese, as stated by the Asunable to find any clear evidence proving sociated Press on March 24, are now prethat Akiyama was a Russian spy, but that paring for a heavy landing of troops in his newspaper showed that he was prepared the gulf of Liao Tung, either at New to sacrifice the national interest for private Chwang or on the west coast of the Manchurian neutral zone, to effect which in Akiyama resign his seat in Purliament. The safety the immobility of Vice Admiral house adopted the report and Akiyama re- Makaroff's fleet is absolutely essential while the transports are being convoyed around the southern end of the peninsula AMERICAN MINERS IN NORTH COREA. If the attempt had succeeded it would have required several days at least to Forced to Exercise the Utmost Caublow up the steamers and clear away the wreckage, during which time the Japanese would be assured of non-interference in the SEOUL, March 27.-The American miners in north Corea find themselves in a most carrying out of their purposes. The faildifficult position. Their ability to continue ure of the Japanese movement may seriously hamper their plans, as the ice in work, notwithstanding the outbreak of along the Grand river are very grave to- hostilities, is dependent on their strictly the Liao river is going out and when the night as a result of the unprecedented minding their own business, and exercising great caution in avoiding offending

be mined. The conviction continues to grow there o'clock tonight the river gauge here ing out private correspondence, in fear that the Japanese have concluded that it that some chance expression of theirs might | would be inadvisable to make a direct be construed into evidence of partiality. frontal attack on Manchuria from Corea United States Minister Allen is exertagainst the whole Russian army and that ing pressure to secure the release of their it would be necessary to land a flanking column in the gulf of Line Tung to divide barrassment. The Corean laborers will the attention of the Russians and if pos not accept bullion in payment for their sible to seize the railroad and cut off Port services, while the rice merchants de- Arthur. The ground above New Chwang is perfectly familiar to the Japanese, who ecupied it for a year during the Chineng the bride of Dr. Stryker, the physician

Some experis even go so far as to exdesiring to go to Unsan, where the mines press the belief that Vice Admiral Togo are located, but has been advised to wait, was covering the movement of transports as Mr. Allen cannot guarantee the safety in the gulf of Liao Tung this morning and therefore he was compelled to exercise great caution and to decline the Russian offer of an engagement

sionaries at Ping Yang and other points in the north indicate that they are allowed Another view of the Japanese admiral's purpose which is less believed, is that he believed that bombardments from Pigeon DISCOVER MINE UNDER FORTRESS. bay would be disastrous to the Russian fleet if it were compelled to remain in the Wires to Fire Vladivostok Defenses harbor, he having ascertained from observation that the Russian ships always pass ST. PETERSBURG, March 27,-A report out during the high angle hombardments from Vladivostok says that a mine has and that a hig shell dropped on a battle been discovered under the fortress with ship could easily rierce the deck and, exwires leading to a Chinese house in the

ploding, might completely destroy it An official disputch from Port Arthur to the emperor says that at 1 o'clock this thority that Vice Admiral Makaroff's remorning searchlights disclosed four large merchant steamers making for the entrance islands yesterday contained the startling to the harbor, supported by six torpeda

statement that he captured a junk filled boats. A heavy fire was opened on them by the batteries and some warships. The torpedo boat Stilli, commanded by Lieutenant Krinikini, turned the merchant vessels from their course by blowing up the prow of the first and then holdly attacked the enemy's torpedo boats. In the flerce fight which followed Chief Engineer Swyereff of the Stilli and six marines were killed and the

ommander and twelve men were injured Makaroff's Official Report.

The Japanese plan to block up the en trance to Port Arthur was frustrated, however, and the channel is still clear. Vice Admiral Makaroff, commanding the Rus sian forces at Port Arthur, has sent the following telegram to the emperor:

I beg most humbly to report that at 2 o'clock this morning the enemy made a second attempt to block the entrance to the inner roadstead. For this purpose they dispatched four large merchant steamers, convocated by six tarpedo boats to the entrance. The enemy's ships were promptly discovered by the scarchlights and were hombarded by the batteries and by the guardships Bohr and Otvajny.

Fearing the enemy's ships might break through, Lieutenant Krinikini, commanding