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## WILL SIGN IN PARIS FIRE IN NEW YORK SUBWAY APPEALS TO THE STATE LAWS LIVES PRISONER WITH GOAT VOTE AGAINST POLYGAMY

Contract for the Panama Canal Will Be Closed at American Embassy

PRACTICALLY UNITED STATES

Agreement Beached at Conference of Reg resentatives in France.

LAST ACT TO ACQUIRE FULL OWNERSHIP

Final Transfer Will Be Completed at the End of This Month.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE ABOUT CLOSED

United States Represented by Ambasendor Porter and W. A. Day and C. W. Russell the Assistant Attorney Generals,

PARIS. April 6 .- After a conference be tween Ambassador Porter and W. A. Day and Charles W. Russell, the assistant attorney generals, who came from Washington to assist in the transfer of the Panama canal property, it has been arranged that the signing of the contract whereby the United States will acquire the ownership of the Panama canal shall take place at the United States embassy, which is nominally American soil. The date of the signing probably will be set for April E. Welcome Canal Commission.

PANAMA, April 6 .- The members of the United States Canal commission received an enthusiastic welcome here today. They were met at the railroad station by a number of representatives of the government At the palace the meeting between President Amador and the American commissioners was most cordial and the commissioners were entertained at luncheon by the president. After the luncheon the members went to La Boca, from which point they returned to Colon.

HONOLULU DISCUSSING FUSION

Democratic and Home Rule Parties May Pattern After Mautio. HONOLULU, March 28 .- (Via San Francisco, April 6.)-The matter of fusion of the democratic and home rule parties on the

t has been accomplished to a considerable William H. Coney, city editor of the Evening Bulletin, is dead. He was part Hawalian and at the time of his death was Lewiston, party lines were not drawn exsecretary of the republican territorial, cen-

tral and executive committees. LOOKS LIKE A TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Meeting in Italy with Emperor Willinm Regarded an Significant. April 6.-A meeting which it is said will take place at Abbasin (a water- ful at Pocatello, while honors were divided ing place on the west side of the gulf of at the other two cities named. Flume) between Emperor Francis Joseph, Goluchowski, Austrian minister; Signor Tittoni, the Italian foreign eninister, and Emperor William is much commented | the upon here as an event which will mean C. Kerwin (nonpaytisan), 82.421. These re-the crowning of the triple alliance and the turns would indicate the election of Luse tightening of the bonds between the three by a close majority.

German Exports to United States. BERLIN, April 6.-Exports for the quarter to the United States from the consulates under the jurisdiction of the general consulate at Frankfort amounted to \$8,669,769, a decrease from the preceding quarter of \$3,934,233.

Isabella of Spain is Ill. PARIS, April 6.-Former Queen Isabella of Spain is suffering from a severe attack of influenza which causes anxiety on account of her advanced age. She was born

ARREST FOUR MONTANA MINERS Latest Development in Fight Between Heinze and the Amalgamated Copper Company.

BUTTE, Mont., April 6 .- C. W. Goodale. assistant manager of the Boston and Montana and Boston and Butte properties; Wallace Corbett, foreman of the West Column mine; J. P. Adams, superintendent of the amount \$41,000,000 already has been issued Leonard mine, and Thomas Mitchell, a and bear interest at 31/2 per cent. shift boss, are under arrest on a warrant sworn out by Al Frank of the Johnstown company, charged with violation of the

Frank alleges that the defendants, worksert that the arrest is spite work. The river, including the Chicago terminals, arrests are a development in the contro-Amalgamated Copper company.

BOTKIN CASE NEARS THE END ENJOINS SECURITIES COMPANY Jury Will Probably Be Given Matter for Consideration at Thursday's Session.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.-Arguments in the Botkin murder trial were resumed today. Attorney Frank McGowan, for the defendant, reviewed in detail the evidence and made a strong appeal for the acquittal of the accused woman.

George Knight closed for the defense, and tomorrow District Attorney Byington will make the final argument for the prosecution. The case probably will be given to the jury late tomorrow.

CLARENCE THURSTON MARRIED Son of Pormer Senator and Miss Nellie Cotter United in St.

Louis. ST. LOUIS. April 6 .- (Special Telegram.)-Clarence Thurston, son of former Senator Thurston of Nebruska, and Miss Neille Cotter of Omaha were quietly married yesterday at the Cathedral chapel.

Mine Deal Catches New Englanders. BOSTON, April 4-In investment circles here it is stated that the appointment of a receiver for the Majestic Mining company of Heaver county, Utah, and its petition into bankruptcy, just announced, fall quite heavily upon New England people. In this section a large portion of \$5,000,000 of stock, par \$10, was placed at from \$3 to \$5 a share. The company is said to owe \$250,000 after having expended about \$1,000,000 in opening its copper mines and building a smelter.

Republicana Select Laramie. CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 6.-The republican state central committee met today and these the bishop took marked objection, selected Laramie city and May 18 as the and as no other cups were available implace and date of holding the state con- mediately the sacrament was not adminvention to select delegates to the national intered. The service probably will be held

Laborers Released from Danger by Cutting Holes in the

NEW YORK, April 6-The wood works a fire at Broadway and Fulton street. A ase volume of smoke issued from the enuce to the excavation.

Street.

number of laborers are employed in the subway and the fire cut off their usual means of egress, so that it was necessary to tear up the street down Broadway to let them escape, a place where the excavation had been boarded over being chosen. Between Fulton street and the battery, the work on the subway is all being done under ground, traffic continuing as usual on the street above. There were only a few places where the became choked with smoke, which poured out in dense volumes through the openwere not able to enter the subway on account of the volumes of smoke, but they Northern Pacific. made several openings for streams of and Express building, two through the protecting it. planking in front of that building and one bers, beams and planking to accommodate was importuned to use the strength of the heavy traffic of lower Broadway, made the Montana laws to prevent the Harri- terror. it difficult for the firemen, assisted by the man interests, through the Oregon Short subway timbermen to reach the fire. The Line, from getting control of the Northern flames, however, were smothered after half | Pacific.

vice in the lower part of the city. The fire was caused by the explosion of a small lamp known as a "banjo" lamp, used by the laborers in their underground work.

terfered with telephone and telegraph ser-

KANSAS CITY IS REPUBLICAN of Municipal Elections in Many Parts of the Country.

KANSAS CITY, April 6.-Late returns show that Jay H. Neff, republican, for mayor, was elected by a plurality of close to 2,600. All the republican ticket with the exception of William Bucholz for police judge was elected. The republicans will have a majority in the council. Hugh Brady, candidate of both democratic factions and the labor party for police fudge. salands is being much discussed. On Mautio won by about forty-seven votes, and a contest is likely.

BOISE, Idaho, April 6.-In the town and city elections which were held throughout Idaho yesterday, excepting Boise and cept in a few instances. In nearly all places the issues were local, the chief une being that of enforcing the law against gambling.

The anti-gambling candidates generally won. In southern Idaho party tickets were run at Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Rexburg. The republican ticket was success

MILWAUKEE, April 6-Scattering re turns from nearly every county in the state give Louis K. Luse (nonpartisan) for

O'Hare, republican, was re-elected mayor Louis. by 158 majority. In the aldermanic contest the republicans gained one alderman.

BURLINGTON ISSUES BONDS Fourteen Million Dollars Output Will Be Used to Fund

NEW YORK, April 6.-Directors of the short term obligations of the company, in | character is the man wanted. curred in making general improvements during the last two years. A part of the bonds also will be used for the purchase

Debts.

of equipment. The new issue will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent and is understood to be secured by the Illinois divisional mortgage. This mortgage was made in 1899. and the total authorized issue of bonds having practiced law in Lincoln in 1870. secured by it aggregates \$85,000,000. Of this Since then he has held various official

The bonds may be redeemed on any interest day after July 1, 1929, at par and land office, and at the time of his death accrued interest, for all bonds bearing in- he was serving his third term as county federal injunction issued by Judge Har- terest at a less rate than 34 per cent, and at 105 and subject to the 1973 consols, which were extended last summer, is practically ing the Leonard, wantonly injured the a blanket mortgage upon all of the Bur-Misnie Healy shaft. The defendants as- lington system east of the Mississippi Arrangements have been made for the versy between F. Augustus Heinze and the sale of all the entire \$14,000,000 issue to

> Officers Must Show Cause Why Original Railroad Shares Must

> > Not Be Returned.

NEW YORK, April 6.-Vice Chancellor Bergen signed an order in Jersey City today to show cause why an injunction should not issue to restrain the Northern Securities company from holding a stock- stitutional convention of the state and holder's meeting on April 21; from distributing any stock of the Northern Pacific Rallway company and the Great Northern courts. Rallway company, and from taking any action in regard to the reduction of its capital stock.

The bill for the injunction was asked by the original stockholders of the Northern Pacific railway and of the Great Northern Railway company the stocks formerly held by them upon the same terms under which the stock of the two companies was acguired by the Northern Securities company. The complainant company holds stock in the Northern Securities company. Arguments will be heard next Monday.

CUTS COMMUNION Objects to Individual Cups and Sacra

ment of the Lord's Supper is

Not Administered. MANCHESTER, N. H., April 6.-Bishop Charles H. Fowler, D. D., of Buffalo, declined to administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper at the opening session of the New Hampshire Methodist Episcopal conference here today because individual communion cups had been furnished. To

Hill Now Asks Help of Force He Once Daspised.

in the subway now under construction was WANTS TO KEEP HARRIMAN FROM LINE

Stop Rival from Purchasing or Controlling Parallel Lines of Road.

ST. PAUL, April 6.-The Dispatch today bage. says that laws of various western states, prohibiting parallel lines from owning or controlling each other, and which was so vigorously attacked by the Securities comhave suddenly been found very advantageous to merger interests inasmuch as the house during his absence. The neighriman people from getting control of the

water, one in the basement of the Mail the combination are to be employed in This somewhat paradoxical situation tern Union building. The strong timber that Attorney General Donovan of Mon-construction of the subway surface, constructed here of particularly massive tim- St. Paul by the Great Northern interests,

Laws which once threatened to break up

an hour's hard work. The fire seriously in-Attorney General Donovan was closeted with the Great Northern officials for some time. It is supposed that as soon as he returns to Montana he will prepare an by the Great Northern interests as follows: "The question of the legality of the purpose outlined in the petition will be fought in the preliminary battle and is admittedly a ground on which the company will oppose the petition. The right of the Oregon Short Line to acquire a majority interest in the Northern Pacific will be questioned, since, under laws of Montana and subject, there is a grave doubt that it could listless meeting yesterday afternoon legally hold the Northern Pacific if it so desired. The laws, the company will con-

> TWO HUNDRED BOERS ARRIVE Burghers to Re-enact the Scenes of the War at the St. Louis

> > Exposition.

tend, prevent the Oregon Short Line from

either owning or voting the stock which it

demands.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 6 .- General Cronje and 200 Boers, accompanied by 120 British soldiers who saw service in the Boer war and fifty women and children and twenty Zulus, Kaffirs and Zambesis arrived here this afternoon on the steamship Doune Castle, from Capetown, via St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands. The burghers in the party were with Cronje at

LONE HIGHWAYMAN IS BUSY Robs Stage in Montana and Takes Mail Sack and Other

Valuables.

KALISPELL, Mont., April 6.-The mail was held up by a lone bandit. The stage Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad driver was alone and was compelled to have issued new bonds, aggregating \$14,- give up the mail sack and other valuables 000,000, which will be used, according to in his possession. Officers who are in the Herald, to fund the floating debt and pursuit of the bandit believe that a local

DEATH RECORD.

Judge A. S. Baldwin. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., April &-(Spe cial Telegram.)-Judge A. S. Baldwin died of Bright's disease last night. He was well known as an old settler in Nebraska, sitions in the counties of Pheips, Dawson and Lincoln. He came to this county in 1890 as receiver of the United States

Funeral of R. H. Jones. PAPILLION, Neb., April 6.- (Special.) R. H. Jones, the pioneer of Sarpy county, buried in Fairview cemetery, near Richfield, by the side of his two dead wives 1856 and resided on a farm south of Papil- to tell it the machine was at the station is survived by a wife and two children.

Colonel L. C. Ellsworth. DENVER, April 6.-Colonel L. C Ellsworth, a prominent pioneer and wealthy citizen of Denver, died today of paralysis, aged 72 years. Colonel Elis worth came to Denver from Chicago in 1871. He was a member of the first con was receiver of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad when it was in control of the

Mrs. Lizzie Witzki, BEATRICE, Neb., April 6-(Special.)-Mrs. Lizzie Witzki, wife of Martin Witzki, who resides near Cortland, died yesterday Northern Securities company to return to some time ago. The remains will be interred at Cortland.

J. W. Howard. OXFORD, Neb., April 6.-(Special.)-J. W. Howard, well known in this section of the Republican valley as a lawyer and life in- help singing. I tried not to, when the peosurance solicitor, dropped dead from heart ple told me that they did not like it, but failure last night. Deceased leaves a wife. He was a member of the Ancient Order of

John A. Close. ARLINGTON, Neb., April 6 .- (Special.)-John A. Close, an old and respected citizen, living three miles south of Arlington, died this morning at 7 o'clock. Masonic funeral Friday at 1 o'clock. Deceased was a few days past 78 years old.

Princess Sophia of Lippe KARLSRUHE, April 6-Princess Sophia of Lippe, widow of Prince Gonthier Frederic Waldemar of Lippe, is dead. She was

prince of Lippe. Thomas McGovern, M. P. LONDON, April 6.-Thomas McGovern, nationalist member of Parliament for the west division of Cavan, Ireland, died today at Cavan.

a sister-in-law of Karl Alexander, the fifth

Woman Tells Police Husband Locks Her Up with Animals in

An unusual complaint has just come to the notice of the police, who are now investigating the case. Mrs. Willis Parmaice. 227 Martha street, went to the police Asks Attorney General of Montana to station and made the remarkable statement that her husband has been keeping her a prisoner for several weeks by lock ing the door and screening and barring the windows of their home in such a manner as to prevent her escape while he is a his work, that of hauling ashes and gar-

the House,

Mrs. Parmalee said she bore the incar ceration as long as she could and finally attracted the notice of a neighbor by tearing away the screening from the inside of smoke could escape and the tunnel soon pany when the merger was being formed, a window. Her husband, she said, threatened to choke her if she got outside of ings into the street above. The firemen they may be employed to prevent the Har- bor advised her to go to the police station and report the matter.

She also said she has suffered all manner of privations at the hands of her husband. sleeping under a horse blanket and sharing the company of a goat, two rabbits and two chickens, which, she stoutly mainthrough the planking in front of the Wes- came to light today when it was learned tained, occupied the three little rooms of their home. It was gathered from her remarks that the goat would frequently "butt in" and spoft her knitting and keep her, the rabbits and chicken in continua

Mrs. Parmalee, whose hair is gray, matron's department at the police station and assured that the matter will be investigated. The Parmalees have no children. Asked for an explanation for the strange conduct of her husband, Mrs. Parmalee

confirmed in a seemingly official statement Men Appointed to Value Water Works Disgusted at the Repented Delays.

"At the rate they have been going, it promises to take the water company from three to four years to complete the testimony as to the value of the plant it intends to submit to the appraisers," said Member other states, to which the western line is | Congdon of the water board, at a rather

Governor Boyd asked Member Mahoney what he thought of the creation of a water district and Mr. Mahoney responded that he thought certain legal difficulties stand in the way. The other members expressed no opinion.

Mr. Mahoney called attention to the fact that the board had been in existence thirteen months and asked if nothing could be done to force the appraisal. No one volunteered to give him a satisfactory reply. City Engineer Rosewater and Assistant City Engineer Craig were called in to report progress. They said the water company, so far as they knew, had filed no more evidence to be examined by the city. The appraisers had adjourned from the February meeting to get together again at the call of the chairman when the water company's showing was complete. The board discussed the situation at length

with both engineers. Member Mahoney gave the opinion that the appraisers have the same right as any other tribunal to set a date by which all evidence must be submitted, and if the order mate of the value of the works as they are able. They may be asked to take this course if affairs continue to drag.

AUTOMOBILE AIDS AN ARREST stage running between Holt and Big Fork Utility of the Benzine Buggy Proves to One Farmer from Iowa.

> George Johnson, wanted at Carroll, Ia., on a charge of larceny as bailee, has been arrested by Detectives Heitfeld and Donohoe and held at the city jail as a fugitive from justice. It is stated that Johnson has been keeping company with a Miss Hooper at Carroll and recently she allowed him to carry her gold watch. Johnson is then said to have packed his telescope, bought a ticket for Omaha and entrained instanter for the Gate City, where there are many pawnshops, to one of which he went and left the watch for \$7.

Although S. A. Hooper, the young wo man's father, was busy getting ready for the spring plowing, he got a tip that Johnson and the watch had gone to Omaha. Mr. Hooper reached Omaha yesterday and soon came across Johnson on Farnam street. Immediately Hooper accosted a chauffeu and told of the interest he had in the man who died in South Omaha Monday, was across the street. The man with the auto told Hooper to keep a line on Johnson while he hastened to the police station to this afternoon. Mr. Jones came here in get an officer. In less time than it takes lion for many years prior to moving to Detective Heitfeld on the seat beside the South Omaha, where he was engaged in the chauffeur and Johnson placed under arrest by the man from Carroll. It is expected

that Johnson will be returned to the Iowa town today. The man with the automobile did not tell

SENT AWAY BECAUSE HE SINGS Orphan Boy's Beautiful Voice Has No Charms for Colorado Farmer.

his name.

George Bertram Lewis, a 12-year-old boy, who had been sent out to Holyoke, Colo., last November by the Child Saving Institute, was found at the Burlington depot the Continental Securities company, which morning of blood poisoning, which was by an officer last night. The lad was conasked the court of chancery to compel the caused from an injury received to her hand tentedly sitting on a bench and when he could find nobody to talk to, whiled the hours away by singing. At the police station he said that the people had sent him back because he liked to sing. "I felt so good," he said, "that I just couldn't as soon as I got in the fields and everything was nice, why I would be singing 'Good Old Summer Time' before I knew it."

"Let me hear you," said Desk Sergeans Havey, and the boy without any ado commenced the "Holy City." He had a very nice voice and officers from all parts of the building went hurrying into the room to hear him. He was given a bed in the matron's department, but not before he had exhausted his store of songs.

Three Are Asphyxiated. PHILADELPHIA April 6.—Edward and Jacob Hammond, brothers, and Oscar Significant were asphyxiated by illuminating gas as they slept in the Hammond home last night. Sigertsen boarded with the Hammonds and occupied a room adjoining that in which the brothers slept. Returning from the theatre last night, Sigertsen turned on the gas which was connected with a gas slove, and retired, leaving the gas escaping from the steve. The three bodies were found today by mambers of the Hammond family.

Salt Laks Mormons Endorse President Smith's Official Declaration.

OHIO MORMONS WILL FIGHT THE ISSUE

Strong Sentiment Among Delegates at Kirtland in Favor of Active Campaign on Propagation of Polygamy.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 6.-The seventy-fourth annual conference of the Mormon church came to a close today, with two business meetings, morning and afternoon. At their meetings, according to the custom of the church, the church leaders, including the first presidency, the apostles presidents of the seventies and patriarchs, who nominally hold their positions only from conference to conference, were sustained by the raising of hands in the great open meetings of the followers of Joseph

Today is the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the church in Fayette, Seneca county, New York. The speaker dwelt on the growth and prosperity of the church, which now claims a following of 400,000, with missions in nearly every country in the world. Between 10,000 and 12,000 people attended the conference. A notable feature of the closing session

of the seventy-fourth annual conference of seemed much relieved when placed in the the Mormon church was the official declaration by President Joseph F. Smith on the subject of polygamy. The statement follows:

Inasmuch as there are numerous repor returns to Montana he will prepare an action, which will be commenced, if necessary, bringing into play the Montana laws prohibiting such consolidations. There are one or two other western states which have similar laws and the legal departments of those states will be interrogated as to their willingness to accept. That Montana has been asked to take the matter up is such marriages have been solemnized with the sanction, consent or knowledge of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day

Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Saints, and,
I hereby announce that all such marriages are prohibited, and if any officer or member of the church shall assume to solemnize or enter into any such marriage he will be deemed in transgression against the church and will be liable to be dealt with according to the rules and regulations thereof and excommunicated therefrom.

(Signed.) JOSEPH F. SMITH, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

This statement received the full endors ment of the church members assembled,

who unanimously adopted the following resolution, introduced by Apostle Francis M. Lyman: Resolved, That we, the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in general conference assembled, hereby approve and endorse the statement and declaration of President Joseph F. Smith, just made to this conference, concerning plural marriages, and will support the courts of the church in the enforcement thereof.

ent thereof. A committee was authorized to take steps oward the erection of a suitable building as a monument to the memory of the prophet Joseph Smith. Although Utah abounds with memorials of Brigham Young, there is at present not a single monument or building in honor of the founder of the

KIRTLAND, O., April 6.-The fifty-first mon temple today, with nearly 500 delegates in attendance. The conference promises to be one of the most important ever is not complied with to make such esti- held in the history of the church and as a result unusual interest is manifested in its deliberations. There is a strong sentiment among the delegates in favor of making an active fight on the propagation of

pologamy. Much attention will be devoted by onference to missionary work of the church, which has active missionaries in many foreign countries and in all sections of the United States.

FIVE DIE BY FIRE IN HALL Three Others Injured in Early Morn ing Blaze in New York Town.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., April 6 .- Five persons are dead and another is dying as the result of a fire that occurred today in the Columbia hall building, a metal sheathed three story structure located in

The dead are: NATHAN FREY, 65 years old, ISADOR FREY, 11 years old. HELEN FREY, 9 years old. HENRY FREY, 3 years old. GUSSIE DOHRING, 10 years old, usin of Mrs. Rebecca Frey. The injured are:

Mrs. Rebecca Frey, dying in the Mount Vernon hospital. Mrs. Asa Barry, head and face burned; injuries not dangerous. Mrs. Louis Lavigne overcome by smoke

OUTPUT OF PACKING HOUSES livery business. He was 71 years old and a few blocks from where he was first seen Considerable Increase Over the Pre-

ceding Week in the Marketing of Hogs. CINCINNATI, April 6.-(Special Telegram.)-Price Current says: There has been considerable gain in the marketing

of hogs the past week. Total western packing was 420,000, compared with 300,000 the preceding week and 335,000 last year. Since March 1 the total is 1,875,000, against 1,749,960 a year ago. Prominent places compare as follows:



PLAN STAMPEDE FOR HARRIS Delegates of Kansas Divided on Ques tion of Caudidate, but Auti-Hearst

Men Have Majority.

WICHITA, Kan., April 6 .- Most of the delegates to the democratic state convention, which will open here tomorrow, have arrived, and many caucuses were held tonight. The dividing issue is whether instructions for W. R. Hearst shall be given to the delegates. An anti-Hearst

delegate declares there are sixty-five ma-

Falr and Colder in West, with Showers and Colder in East Portion

Thursday: Friday Fair and Warmer in West Portion. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

1 p. m. . . . . 62 2 p. m. . . . . 65 6 a. m ..... 38 3 p. m. . . . . . . 7 a. m ..... 38 4 p. m..... 5 p. m..... 8 n. m..... 40 9 n. m..... 45 6 p. m...... 7 p. m..... 10 a. m..... 50 11 a. m..... 55 12 m..... 59 S p. m .....

WARM RECEPTION FOR JAPAN Russians Have Added to the Fortifications at Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 6-The Second and Fifth Horse batteries of the artillery of the guards, the former armed with quick-firing guns, leave for the front next week. Grand Duke Alexis, the high admiral, today reviewed 600 naval recruits in the court yard of the marine guard barracks. The recruits will proceed at once to the far east. The city is full of rumors of proposed

Japanese plans for Easter Littacks, The most persistent is to the effect that the Japanese will land at Takashan, about fifty-five miles west of the mouth of the Yalu river on Sunday night, under the cover of another bombardment of Port Arthur. "If they do," remarked a Russian ad-

miral to the correspondent of the Associated Press, "they will find our gons ready to receive them." Russia is building ten submarine boats celestial empire. at the Neva Mechanical works and Crychton works, Finland. The reports that they

will be sent in sections to Port Arthur and Yladivostok are confirmed. Kouropatkin's announcem that the Japanese have reached Wiju, Corea, and the right bank of the Yalu river creates no surprise in well informed circles, where it is thoroughly understood that the Russians have no intention of making a stand in force east of the river.

EXPECTS TO TAKE PORT ARTHUR Japanese Satter Talks of Operations of the Fleet.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) SEOUL, April 6 .- (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.)-I as it is, it is in a situation to compel have had an interesting interview with a Japanese sailor who served with the fleet in the attacks on Port Arthur. He said: "Our fleet left the usual rendezvous at - islands on the night of March 27 for Port Arthur. We sank four loaded hulks,

through a mishap one missed its assigned place, and a small passage is still left open for Russian craft, but we hope to close even that very soon. "The Japanese ships are divided into seven squadrons. The first to the fourth squad rons are watching Port Arthur, the fifth squadron patrols the Corean coasts, while

old nerchant ships, at the entrance, but

vostok and the north of Japan. "The second fleet, which was sent up Vladivostok has returned to Port Arthur. "The new cruisers Nishin and Kasugi are supposed to be with the fifth squadron general conference of the reorganized "The Japanese fleet has sustained but Brussels, revives the report prevalent some Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day little damage so far. Only the Swate and time since to the effect that King Edward he Yoshino have been injured, and thes have now been repaired and have rejoined the fleet.

"Two of our torpedo boats have been damaged, but that is the sum total of our

"We expect to be sent into Port Arthur again within a few days and to give a better account of ourselves than ever and negotiations actually have been begun. to surprise the Russians. I think the place should soon fall. Several of the forts have been put out of action and more will fol

CZAR MAY PROCEED TO THE FRONT Several Things Indicate He Will

Follow Russian Custom. (Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) BERLIN, April 6.-(New York Herald sacks and regular cavalry participated in Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.) the review. -Dispatches received in Berlin from Russia report that it is stated the ozar is about Japanese intended to attack New Chwang to proceed to the seat of the war. For yesterday. the time being, however, his majesty will only proceed as far as Irkutsk, where he also expectation of practice firing from the will await the final disappearance of snow forts, merchant snips are not using the

and ice before entering Manchuria The fact that the statement in the Russian press that part of the czar's private mander here, who has been praised on acpolice have already been ordered to Irkutsk count of the order and cleanliness prevailhas been allowed to pass without contradiction is regarded here as a confirmation of the report. The semi-official Post in reproducing this dispatch points out that it would be nothing extraordinary in Nicholas II going to the seat of the war. On the contrary, it would be in accordance with Russian custom, the czar generally

taking the field with his army. No protest has been received here against the sale of the Fuerst Bismarck to a firm acting in Russia's interests. It is considered that if the occasion should demand it Japan is desirous of exercising the same right to purchase vessels abroad.

SAY FIRST FIGHT WILL BE LIGHT Report Comes from Shanghai that Russians Are Building Defenses. SHANGHAL April 6.-It is believed that the Russian troops between Antung and

Chiu Tung Teng are about ten miles north Russians Lose Stores and Japanese of the main force, and consequently the engagement, which is looked for at or near these places, probably will not be decisive, but only a forerunner of larger operations. The Russians are constructing entrench ments at several points on the Yalu and Tumen rivers. These entrenchments, how-

ever, are not yet completed, and if the Japanese succeed in forcing their way past one line of defense it would give them a distinct advantage and make it more difficule for the Russians to concentrate and oppose them. The ice on the Yalu is fielting rapidly

military operations most difficult. ST. PETERSBURG GROWING NERVOUS

and the muddy roads make promptness in

Severe Tension.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) ST. PETERSBURG, April 6 .- (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee. - Dearth of war news in the fast few days is beginning to cause some nervous feeling here, General Kouropat kin's dispatch telling of an outpost engage ment, where five Japanese were ki merely adding to the tension, showing that

the two armies are almost in touch. Wounded Sent to Vladivostok. VLADIVOSTOK, April 6.-Many wounded men from Port Arthur have been brought here. They are receiving the best attention from the great number of volunteer Sisters of Mercy.

## NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST CHINA MAY JUMP IN

Rumor in Berlin that Celestials Are Only Waiting for Favorable Oppertunity.

FIRST RUSSIAN LAND DEFEAT A SIGNAL

Japanese, However, Not Particularly Pleased with the Move.

BELIEVE THEY CAN WIN SINGLE HANDED

German Foreign Office Confident Chipa Will Remain Neutral.

POWERS BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR

Most Influential Adviser of the Emperor Known to Counsel Agninst Such Move by China.

Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1934.) BERLIN, April &-(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bea.] -I learn that reports have reached the ambassador of one of the great powers in Berlin to the effect that China is on the verge of throwing in its lot with the Japanese. The first defeat on land for Russia will, it is said, be the signal for a forward movement on the part of the

Japan, however, shows no enthusiasm for China's assistance, being still convinced that it can beat Russia singlehanded, and realising that China's intervention may cause more embarrassment than profit.

The German foreign office, however, refuses to believe the possibility of China violating its neutrality. It is pointed out that up to the present the diplomatic pressure brought by the powers has kept China from taking any rash action, but now that Russia's military position is such China to remain neutral.

The Poking government is also alive to the suicidal dangers of intervention and in no way desires a repetition of its experlence after the Boxer movement.

The foreign office further has great confidence in the judgment of Yuan Shi Kale who has become the empress' most influential adviser. She is Phown to be onposed to intervention.

RUSSIA MAY ACCEPT MEDIATION the sixth and seventh cruise between Viadi-Reported King Edward Has Taken

Preliminary Steps for Peace. NEW YORK, April 6.-A telegram from the Berlin correspondent of the Reir, for-warded by the Times correspondent at had taken the preliminary steps to ascer tain if Russia were disposed to accept an offer of mediation.

The emperor, it is alleged, replied that such an offer on the part of the king of England certainly would be accepted. The slow march of events in the far east is attributed by optimists to the fact that

Expect Attack at New Chwang. NEW CHWANG, April 6 .- General Kouropatkin, commander-in-chief of the Russian military forces in the far east, arrived here today and reviewed about 4,000 troops on the parade ground outside the fort here. One battery of horse artillery, several batteries of field artillery, parts of four regiments of Siberian rifles and detachments of Cos-

Russian secret agents reported that the

On account of the mining of the river, and lower reach of the river. General Kondratovich, the Russian com-

ing at New Chwang, eass he is now prepared for a Japanese attack, which it is evident the other authorities also expect, The command of General Kondratovich embraces the Seoul patrois west of the Line river, and also the troops in the districts

south, including Kat Cheu, and north, inluding the railroad and Hal Chong. The troops now here are of a better class than when the war opened. General Kondratovich is opening a new

cospital at New Chwang. The relations of the Russian authorities with the foreign residents here are improve ing and the administration proposes to sonsult and co-operate with the foreigners for the protection of neutral lives and inter-

ALL IS NOW QUIET ON THE VALU Lose Men, According to Reports.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 6 .- "All is quiet on the Yalu." is the report which Seneral Kachtalinky telegraphed April 5 to General Kouropatkin, who forwarded the message to the emperor. The report added that an exchange of shots occurred between Russian cavalry

and Japanese skirmishers near Wiju. The Russians sustained no losses. Five Japanese were killed. The number wounded is not known. The stores of a Russian village near Yongampho, south of Wiju, on the Yalu

river, have been wrecked and burned by a detachment of Japanese infantry. General Kachtulinky also reported that opposite Turmitchen, on the island of Matuzeo, in the Yalu river, some Russian volunteers had a skirmish with a Japanese outpost from Wiju. There were no cas-

palties on the Russian side. Six Japanese were killed. RUSSIAN INTERESTS LOSE BY WAR

Church and State Institutions Most

Help Pay Expenses. ST. PETERSBURG, April 6.-The reduction of the regular credits by \$67,000,000, which will go to swell the war fund, falls the heaviest on the railroad department. which loses altogether \$26,000,690, including \$25,000,000 for new roads. The church loses at least \$117,000, including \$7,750 for the Orthodox church at Seoul, Cores. The education department is a small loser by \$553,858, and the Foreign office loses \$574,852,