tary of state.

pointed Viceroy and Bezobraoff as secu

Misjudged Temper of Japan.

Seventeen days after the sea appoint

ments were made, M. Witte, who had

his official advisers that the Emperor

it is alleged they misjudged the temper

and purpose of the Japanese and left the

Emperor in ignorance of the preparations

for war which Japan was making and

memies of Alexieff have persistently as-

serted that as the man on the spot he

should have kept the Emperor informed

On the eve of the war Alexieff appar-

ently still had the confidence of the Czar,

but the lack of preparedness of the Port

Arthur fleet, as shown in the cases of

the battleships Retvizan and Czarevitch,

called the attention of the Emperor to the

Stark, who was the Viceroy's representa-tive, was responsible under him for the

Admiral Stark. The Emperor selected Makaroff, and at the same time issued

was the appointment of General Kouro-outkin as Commander-in-Chief of the

doubt of Kouropatkin's exact jurisdiction,

Last Shred of Dignity Removed.

army por the navy under his control, being charged merely with the civil ad-

emoved when the two Commanders com-nunicated directly with the Emperor.

Arthur, telegraphing to the Emperor or

ed to Port Arthur via St. Petersburg ad assume command of the fleet.

It is said that not even this fact was communicated to Alexieff, and he was al-lowed to learn of it through the press

dispatches. Alexieff considered the mat-ter for three days, at the end of which

he is said to have reached a decision to

apply for leave.

The cause of the enmity between

Alexieff and Skrydloff it is impossible to learn tonight. It is believed to be deeper

than a mere difference of opinion as to

the policy to be pursued in the Far East.

Skrydloff has not hesitated in talking

to his friends charging Alexieft with re-sponsibility for the disasters to the Pa-

ific squadron by his division of the fleet,

at Vladivostok and stationed the Variag

in his interview today let His Majesty un-derstand that he did not care to assume

have withdrawn, Vicercy Alexieff is expected to com-

directly to St. Petersburg and his friends hope that he will be elevated to the

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segregated four armored cruisers

War

ions in the Far East.

rmy in Manchuria. Kouropatkin sided

oncerning these vital points.



Fierce Fire Is Now Raging in Toronto.

APPEALS MADE FOR AID

Near-By Cities Send Men and Engines to the Scene.

WIND IS FANNING THE FLAMES

Property Destroyed of the Probable Value of \$10,000,000--Chief Jumps Six Stories and Suffers Only a Broken Leg.

RECENT GREAT FIRES.

April 19-Toronto, loss, \$10,000,000. February 8-Baltimore, loss, \$35,000,-

December 30-Chicago, Iroquois Theater: 600 lives lost. October 16-Aberdeen, Wash., loss, \$1,000,000; four lives lost, er 15-Christiania, Norway, loss, \$1,000,000; nine lives lost, houses burned; loss, \$1,000,000. February 26-Cincinnati, Pike's Opera-House, loss, \$2,000,000. February 11-Rock Island, Ill., shop United States arsenal, loss, \$1,906,600.

TORONTO, Ont., April 19.-Fire swept through a section of Toronto's wholesale business district tonight, causing a loss which will probably reach \$19,000,000. The fire started in a factory in Wellington street about 9 o'clock. In less than an hour the flames had spread from building to building on both sides of the street until the whole block was a mass of flames, and the fire was utterly beyond control of the local department. Appeals wre sent to every surrounding city where fire apparatus could be obtained asking for assistance. Montreal, Loudon, Hamliton and Buffalo at once responded, but it will be hours before they can be of as-

It was believed at II o'clock that the fire was under control, but a sudden shift in the wind again fanned the flames into a roar and clouds of sparks and burning until three entire blocks were doomed. The firemen were making a gallant fight amid the falling buildings and a mass of tangled wires, but their efforts at midnight seemed to be fruitless.

Jumps Six Stories, but Escapes.

Chief Thompson, of the fire department, and George Dowkes, of Montreal, were cat off by the flames while directing the work of firemen from a roof. Thompson jumped six stories to the ground miraculously escaped with a broken A mass of tangled wires broke his fall near the ground. Dowkes has not been seen since, and it is believed he

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fire spread with astounding rapidity to the west, destroying buildings occupied by the Eckhardt Casket Company and Varwick Bros., and Rutter & Gage Company and then made a clean sweep up Wellington street to the Queen's Hotel The thick fire walls of the hotel and the ncentrated efforts of the fire-fighters stopped the flames there, but in the peantime the fire had swept across the street and the block of buildings from Bay street went to the National Club and

At that time, the firemen believed that the fire was under control when a shift in the wind sent the flames roaring down Bay street, destroying every building on ooth sides from the National Club to Front street. Among the buildings burned in Bay street were those of Wise & Darling, Westwood & Co., Galey & Co., Bond & Co., Askborn & Sherwin, Ainslee

wiped It out.

& Co., and Buckling Company. The warehouses of W. H. Brock & Co., Gordon, Mackay & Co., Pugeley, King & Co., Cockshutt & Co. and Brown Bros. were destroyed.

Nothing could resist the force of the flames as they swept down Bay street owards the lake and the firemen fought eack the fire from side streets, confining the fire zone to the one thoroughfare wherever possible,

Several frame buildings which threatened to cause a spread of the fire were blown up by dynamite. Up to midnight the following places

had been destroyed: Gillespie, Angley & Co., hats and furs; Dignum & Moneypenny, importers; Comfort Soap Works, Davis & Henderson, wholesale stationers Jessup Steel Company's building, occupled by R. B. Hutchinson & Co., wholemle woolens; Alcott, Sargent & Westwood, fishing tackle; Dodds Medicine Company, Western Steamship Company Richard L. Baker Company, agents; B. T. Corset Company, C. H. Westwood & Co. fishing tackle; Garland Manufacturing Company, Cragg. agent; Rothschilds Bros, & Co., manufacturers; C. W. Bangard & Co., brokers; Richie & Ramsay Company, paper manufacturers; Thomas Hoskins, manufacturers' agent; Kinleith Paper Company, Andrew Moorehead, wholesale paints; E. W. Glimour & Bro. silverware: W. H. Payne & Co., commission agents; B. M. Slater & Co., whole sale dry goods; International Brokers Lto., Gale Manufacturing Company Whitman & Brown Bros., wholesale stationers: Ralph Smith & Co., lithographers; George N. Hess, Son & Co., window shades; Menzies Manufacturing Company, window shades; H. F. Sharp & Co., photograph supplies; Crown Hotel,

Office Specialty Company. The Evening Telegram office and Brooke & Co.'s warehouse were badly damaged,

STARTS IN SMALL FACTORY.

Strong Wind Is Blowing and All See Many Buildings Are Doomed. DETROIT, April 30 -- A special to the

Free Press from Toronto says: The fire started about \$ o'clock last night in a small neckwear factory on strong wind was blowing from the north-west, and it was not long before the firenen saw that a great portion of the The fire spread rapidly along Wellington street west to Bay street, and turning north on that street, laid waste to everything on the west side to the National Club, and on the east side to the Telegram office, both of which buildings were saved.

In the meantime greater havoc was eing wrought to the south, the flames having crossed the street and worked their way through to Front street, at the same time spreading east to Bay street, and soon the entire block facing on Wellington, Bay and Front streets was a seething mass of flames. Carried by the high winds, the flames spread across Front street and it was not long before the south side of the street, from York to Bay and beyond was ablaze. Urged still further by the winds, the

Portland, Oregon

Morning

Alexieff Asks the Czar to Relieve Him.

**NEW ADMIRAL HIS ENEMY** 

Viceroy Has Been Gradually Deprived of Powers.

MUCH BLAMED FOR REVERSES

Russia Had Little Idea, Japan Was So Well Prepared for War, and Ruler Has Made His Displeasure Plain.

PARIS, April 20,-The Journal prints disputch from its correspondent at Yinkow, dated yesterday at 5 P. M., which says it is affirmed that a fresh battle is raging at Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19 .- Viceroy Alexieff has applied by telegraph to the Emperor to be relieved of his position of Viceroy in the Far East. It is expected that the request will be immediately granted. While no official announcement has yet been made, there is every reason to believe that the foregoing state ment is correct. The immediate cause of the Viceroy's application is reported to be the appointment of Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, one of Admiral Alexieff's strongest enemies and sharpest critics, as successor to the late Vice-Admiral Makaroff in command of the Russian navy in the Far East.

Vice-Admiral Skrydloff had an interview with the Emperor today, and discussed with His Majesty the question of his (Skrydloff's) relation with Alexieff. The relieving from command of Viceroy Alexieff would not surprise intelligent ob servers of the Far Eastern situation, who are familiar with the gradual change in the Emperor's attitude toward the Viceroy and M. Bezobraoff, who represented the militant or advancing element, which was anxious that Russia should remain in Manchuria. It was to these two men that the Anglo-Japanese entente first lost its friends. They believed Great Britain would not go to war and that Japan could not do so. To the indignation of Japan, they succeeded in turning the policy of Wellington street, west of Bay street. A the Empire from carrying out the treaty for the entire evacuation of Manchuria, pending further demands on China.

On August 12 last, after Japan had bmitted an inquiry as to whether Rus sla was disposed to reopen the negotiations respecting Manchuria and Corea, a Viceroyalty in the Far East, a special

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## cretary of state and an advisory com littee were created, Alexieff being ap-

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been opposed to the policy of Alexieff and Secretary Does Not De-Bezobraoff, was relieved of his portfolio as Minister of Finance. It was through sire Vice-Presidency. conducted negotiations with Japan, and

ONLY A POSITION OF HONOR the rising war spirit of that Empire. The

> lowa Man Desires to Take Active Part in Affairs.

slackness of the naval administration in the Far East. The anti-Alexieff party in St. Petersburg held that Vice-Admiral DECISION IS POSITIVE

first reverse at Port Arthur.

Viceroy Alexieff recommended the appointment of either Vice-Admiral Dubasoff or Vice-Admiral Makaroff to command the fleet in succession to Vice-Secretary Hay Suggests 1905 Fair Issue Invitations to Foreign Countries and Allow Government to Forward Them.

special ukase making him absolutely dependent. This was the first blow ubilely given to Alexieff. The second OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 19.-Secretary of the Treaswith County Lamsdorff, the Foreign Min-ster, and M. Witte against the policy of ury Shaw tonight made the positive declaration that nothing can induce him to Manchurian annexation, and stated to the Chinese Minister to Russia, Mr. Hoo Wet secome a candidate for the Vice-Presidential nomination, neither does he de-Teh, that the whole trouble originated with Alexieff. That there might be no sire the office. He declares it is an office without influence and forbids its inthe Emperor issued another ukase defining it, and gave the ex-Minister of cumbent from participation in active political campaigns, from all forms of complete control of military operalegislation, and is no position for any man who cares for something besides the mere honor of presiding over the United Officials in St. Petersburg say it must then have been evident to Alexieff that his star had waned. He had neither the States Senate.

ADVISES '05 FAIR TAKE LEAD.

Hay Ready to Forward Its Invitations to Foreign Powers.

ministration, but in time of war there is no civil administration or very little. At first the Viceroy received the official OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washdispatches for Makaroff and Kouropatkin, but even this shred of his dignity was ngton, April 19.-Senator Fulton had a nference with Secretary Hay today regarding invitations to foreign govern-When the Petropavlovsk was sunk Alexieff started from Mukden for Port ments to participate in the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The Secretary, who has been considering the question for sevhis arrival there that be had hoisted his flag on the battleship Sevastopol, and eral days, suggested to the Senator that it would be best if the invitations were would direct the operations of the fleet until a new Commander was sent out. It prepared by the Exposition authorities at Portland and forwarded to the State Deis said that no answer to this was sent by the Emperor. Without consulting Alexieff's wishes and without considering partment for presentation to the prospective exhibitors. Admiral Doubasoff, whom he had originally recommended, the Emperor telegraphed Vice-Admiral Skrydloff to pro-The Secretary believes the foreign ex-

hibitors at St. Louis should be invited to transfer their exhibits to Portland next year, and is confident that many favorable responses will be made in view of the fact that invitations are formally presented by the State Department, which will give the Portland Exposition the stamp of Government approval Senator Fulton will lay the Secretary's

suggestion before the Exposition authorither in the premises.

Allows Cutting of Timber.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 19 .- On motion of Senator Fulton, the Senate today passed Senator Mitchell's bill authorizing the citizens of Oregon, Washington and California to cut and remove timber on the public domain for mining and domestic purposes,

and Korjetz at Chemulpo.

It is said that Vice-Admiral Skrydloff Brings Up Claim of Alaska Man. ommand of the fleet until Alexieff shall OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ngton, April 19.-Senator Mitchell today secured the passage of a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to why the claim of der consideration,

PUTS ITS FOOT DOWN ON HEARST

Charles Smith, until recently Deputy Colector of Customs at Circle City, Alaska, for \$1700 compensation for services from October 1, 1898, to March 31, 1899, and for traveling expenses incurred by him as Collector during that period, has been disallowed by the department. This information will form the basis of a specia

Pensions for Oregon Men. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, April 19 .- The pension of William M. Favorite, of Baker City, has been increased from \$14 to \$17 per month. John A. Stanton, of Monitor, Or., has secured a pension of \$8 a month, under the Indian War act, and has also secured \$45.58 back pay for services in the Indian

Speaks for Assay Office at Portland OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, April 19.-Senator Mitchell was given a hearing before the finance committee this morning on his Portland as say office bill. At the conclusion of the hearing the bill was referred to a subcom mittee. A favorable report is expected within a day or two, and when the bill

pects to secure its passage. National Bank for Hood River. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ngton, April 19 .- The Controller of th Currency today approved the application of F. W. Mulkey, J. C. Ainsworth, R. Smith, F. S. Stanley and W. H. Kennedy to organize the First National Bank of

goes to the calendar. Senator Mitchell ex-

Hood River, Or., with a capital of \$25,000 Customs Vessels for Puget Sound. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 19.—The House committee on commerce today favorably reported Cush-man's bill appropriating \$50,000 for construction of two customs vessels for use

HISS HEARST BOOMER.

on Puget Sound.

West Virginians Object to Livernash's Words About Cleveland.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 12.-It is impossible to say what action the Democratic State Convention will take tomorrow. Many old-time leaders who left the party in the Bryan campaigns are here. are here. Among these are ex-Senator Johnson N. Camden, ex-Senator Henry G. Davis and a score of equally promi-nent men. If the anti-Hearst forces win tomorrow both Camden and Davis will be delegates-at-large and their colleagues will very likely be ex-Governor Mac-Corkle and Judge John N. Holt, of Hunt-ington. The defeat of Hearst would not mean a Parker victory, for the conservative Democrats are more inclined to Gor-man and Olney than they are to the New York State man.

Hearst, however, is not without his following. Hearst's private car "Dixie" arrived today from the East, bearing Congressman Livernash, of California; Senator Newlands, of Novada, and John Temple Graves, of Georgia. They addressed a largely-attended mass meeting held tonight in the interest of Hearst's candidacy. When Congressman Liver-nash severely criticized ex-President Cleveland, who he called a "despot," "party-wrecker," etc., the audience anwered with a storm of hisses

AVALANCHE STRIKES HAMLET ties before advising Secretary Hay fur- Inhabitants Are Asleep and Thirteen Are Killed.

> BRIEG, Switzerland, April 19.-An avaanche from the Spitzhorn at 2 o'clock this morning swept the hamlet of Muchiback. The inhabitants were asleep at the time, and 13 were killed.

Nicaraguan Company Prostests. WASHINGTON, April 19.-James Die rick, manager of an American mining empany, operating to Nicaragua, has lodged with Secretary Hay a vigorous protest against the action of the British government in sending the warship Retriution to the Mosquito coast to coerce the loyal Nicaraguan officers as he alleges, The State Department has the protest un-

Convention Refuses to Instruct for Him.

BLUNDERS OF HIS MEN

Oregon Democrats Leave Their Delegates Free.

FIERCE FIGHT AS A PRELUDE

Californians Go Home Disgusted, Getting Only a Sop to Comfort Them-Sweek Triumpha Over Peery Factions

Vote on Hearst Resolution Clackamas .... Wallowa. Wasco Washington Totals ...... 272 115 151

Hearst boomers tried to stampede the Democratic State Convention yesterday. They failed dismally, for the convention efused to pledge Oregon's eight National felegates to the yellow journalist.

The eight delegates are sent to the National Convention free to vote for the Presidential candidate of their own choice. Hearst workers succumbed after their defeat. They boast, however, that their man has two or three friends on the delesuch as S. M. Garland, J. D. Wat ock and W. F. Butcher.

But truth is, Parker sentiment will lominate, should New York's candidate be high man at St. Louis. F. V. Holman and James Gleason are uncompromising anti-Hearst men, and C. E. Redfeld and T. R. Sheridan are understood to be of the same stamp, though not so intensely. Governor Chamberlain is placed by both sides as neutral. The delegation is not pledged to the unit

Thus Hearst can count on receiving rotes from Oregon only in case he can derelop surpassing strength in the National Convention, and even then two or three otes might hold out against him.

The fight yesterday was fierce and acriconious. Cries and groans assailed the speakers from each side. For an hour and a half turmoil reigned and the orators spit fire at one another. The scene will be remembered as one of the most stirring in Oregon politics.

Disappointed but Defiant. The result was a crushing disappoint-

ment to Hearst workers. The most turbulent of them hurled defiance at their opponents, even after they went down to defeat. They clamored that Hearst is the popular favorite of the party, and called upon the convention to obey the popular will. Their opponents scarcely enled the popularity of Hearst, but denounced instruction as inexpedient and impolitic, and declared that the party in this state should bind itself indissolubly to no candidate whatsoever. In refusing to instruct, the convention did not go on record as opposed to Hearst's nomination; indeed antagonism to the journalist eropped out in the debate only once or The real business of the convention

waited while the delegates tussled with the Hearst problem. Not until evening did the convention proceed to fill the ticket. The morning was taken up with temporary organization and the afternoon with permanent organization and the Hearst spasm. The three boomers who came from Cal-

ifornia to capture the delegation were visibly chagrined. After the failure of their resolution they quit working entirely. Nor was either of them in the convention when a resolution was adopted last night commending Hearst as a vallant defender of the faithful. A similar resolution was rejected in the Multnomah County Convention last Thursday.

Campaign Badly Managed. The Hearst campaign was badly man-

aged. For several weeks emissaries from California have been working for the yellow candidate, but they incurred the IIIwill of leaders in both factions in this county. Though both professed friendship they turned against the California men at last and the votes of this county killed the Hearst resolutions. Even then the hostility of Multnomah might not have bursted the Hearst boom, had not that candidate's managers run counter to the state organization. They assailed the State Central Committee and prepared to

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