Russian Police Have Planned Massacre at Easter.

Proclamations of Blood Issued, Says League of Writers, Which Appeals to Russians.

St. Petersburg, March 31. - The an appeal to the Russian people to journ sine die without an agreement. unite in the name of their consciences and self-respect to prevent the Jewish massacres whih, they say, are beyond doubt being prepared in Southwestern that it is not fancy but fact that the let loose the Black Hundred upon the members of the poor, helpless race. It Odessa anti-Jewish outrages were com- miners will be allowed to sign the admitted at the instigation of Minister of Neidhardt and Count Podgerichanie, Chief of the gendarmerie of Gomel.

lomew day were arranged by agents of the government, the appeal declares, the recent proclamations emanating from the printing office of the police master at St. Petersburg and that of the military at Odessa leave no doubt pire in September. One national offithat the authorities are privy to the present propaganda. The appeal further declares that M. Katlsousky's book warning Jews to leave Russia immediately or be treated as the Jews were treated by the Spaniards in the middle cers that new contract arrangements ages was printed and distributed from the offices of the police masters of St. Petersburg and Ekaterinoslav.

The League of Writers claims to hold proof that massacres have been planned to take place at Alexandrovsk, Minsk, Brest-Litovsk, Rostof-on-Don and Krementchug. It also points out that the anti-Jewish press is epreading insidious rumors to excite the ignorant.

BIGGEST OF ALL BATTLESHIPS.

Naval Officers Divided on Building of 22,000-Ton Monster.

Washington, March 31. - Since the decision of the house committee on naval affairs to recommend an appropriation of \$6,000,000 for the construction of a battleship larger than any now afloat, naval experts in Washington professions, questions affecting commerhave begon a heated discussion of the cial intercourse and an international has notified county clerk B. M. Payne an old Indian burying ground, and extend that the company will abandon the humed the skeletons of seven braves, size of battleships, which shows that Admiral Dewey is not supported by many naval officers in his advocacy of a battleship greater than the 18,000ton Rritish battleship Dreadnaught.

an effective battleship with a displacement of 20,000 tons or more can constructed for the American navy, but the advisability of authorizing one ship of this type at the present time, and not making an effort to provide additional 16,000-ton battleships to supplement the gouta of smaller ships, and thus make a desirable working unit out of them, is questioned by many naval authorities.

At least four battleships of the same speed and with similar batteries and equipment are necessary, according to the view of the constructors, to be effective in an engagement.

One great battleship, even if it be swifter and have more guns than other ships affoat, they contend, cannot accomplish anything in actual warfare, and is no more effective than the slower it is joined in action.

Scranton Ready for Strike. Scranton, Pa., March 31. - The announcement of a suspension of mining in the anthracite field was not wholly unexpected here. The companies have be a strike and preparations were made accordingly. Stockades have been built, guards have been hired to protect property, and all the minor officials, firemen and office clerks have ente and Las Vegas are so serious that been asked to sign an agreement to help protect the company's properties two weeks to admit the passage of in case of a strike. All the companies trains. The Southern Pacific also will make an effort to operate.

Changes Plan of Tunnel.

St. Petersburg, March 31. - Baron Loicq de Lobel, in order to meet the wishes of the national defense committee, has altered his Bering Strait tunnel and Siberian railway project to make the railroad run due east from Kansk to the 110th degree of longitude Unofficial intimations are given that Russia would be glad to have the con-

New Battleship is Speedy. Boston, March 31 .- The performance today of the battleship New Jersey in maintaining a speed of 19.18 knots an hour in a four-hour endurance run off the New England coast, coupled with mise agreement on the statehood bill, her remarkable speed yesterday over a which will permit Arizona and New measured mile at Rockland, Me., at a Mexico each to decide for themselves horses are all young geldings, from 15 Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 9@91/2c per 19:18 knot gait, places this vessel at the question of their admission as one to 15 hands high, and without blempound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 10@ ish. From \$40 to \$60 per head was ships so far ac speed is concerned.

HALF MILLION TO STRIKE.

Coal Miners of Whole Nation About to Suspend Work.

Indianapolis, March 30. - The joint meetings of the bituminous coal operators and miners of the central competitive district, composed of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and of the Southwestern district, SPURRING ON BLACK HUNDRED composed of Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Terri-

tory, last night reached a final disagreement on the wage scale to go, into effect at the expiration of the present scale on April 1, and the conference of the central district adjourned sine die, while the joint scale committee of the Southwestern district decided to report a disagreement to the joint conference of that district today. It is expected League of Russian Writers has issued that this conference will at once ad-

The action of the two conferences will directly cause the suspension of work after Saturday by 178,000 miners unless something unforeseen, like submission of the differences to arbitra-Russia for Eastertide. The appeal says tion, should intervene, and indirectly will affect 206,500 more miners, not police and gendarmes are arranging to including its effect on 150,000 miners in the anthracite field, who were last night ordered to suspend work Monday. A national convention of the miners recalls that the Kishineff, Goml and will be held today to decide whether vance scale demanded and today refused by all operators with a few excepthe Interior von Plehve, Chief of Police tions, and to go to work where the advance is offered. Operators employing 25,000 miners in the central competi-Just as in the past times St. Bartho- tive field have openly offered to pay the advance during the joint conference

The wage scales of all miners, both anthracite and bituminous, will expire Saturday, except those in Tennessee and Alabama, where the scale will excial of the United Mineworkers said:

"It is a foregone conclusion that all the miners whose scales expire Saturday will cease work until officially notified by the national and district offihave been made governing their scale.'

PROGRAM FOR CONGRESS.

Pan - American Committee Prepares Subjects for Action.

Washington, March 30 .- A program of subjects to be considered at the Pan-American congress to be held in Rio Janiero, Brazil, beginning July 21, was agreed on today by the committee of the congress having that matter in charge, of which Secretary Root is chairman. In addition to Mr. Root the committee is made up of the ambassadors from Brazil and Mexico and the ministers from Chile, the Argentine Republic, Cuba and Costa Rica.

The subjects include sanitary and quarantine regulations, uniformity of patent laws, international recognition of diplomas of practicians of the learned aliroad.

known as the Drago doctrine, which is opposed to the forcible collection of private debts by one nation from another, a doctrine adhered to by the United taking steps to file on some of the lands Naval constructors are agreed that States, will come up for consideration in some form.

IOWA WILL INVESTIGATE.

Legislature Orders Inquiry Into Violation of Insurance Law.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 30 .- As a result of practically unanimous action by both houses of the Iowa legislature today, an investigation of insurarnce companies is to be undertaken in this state during the present summer, similar to that which was conducted in New York last fall. The resolution which awaits the governor's signature provides for the appointment of a commission to inquire into rumored abuse of Iowa insurance laws by state and Eastern companies, to conduct an inquisitorial investigation whenever in the commission's opinion it is desirable, and less formidable ships with which and report to the legislature of next year what changes should be made in abuses that may exist.

Road Tied Up for Two Weeks. Los Angeles, March 30 .- The local railroad situation resulting from floods taken it for granted that there would in Southern California and vicinity is even worse than has yet been described. It is given out from the office of General Manager Wells, of the Salt Lake route, that the washouts between Calithe roadbed cannot be repaired short of ports further trouble today. Another washout has occurred somewhere in the San Joaquin valley.

Germany Hungry for Islands.

London, March 30 .- The London Times correspondent at Hobart, the capital of Tasmania, states that, according to reports from the Fiji islands, a German syndicate, probably backed by and thence northeastery to Yakutsk. the German government, is trying to secure the ownership of Fanning island. which will be sold at auction April 17. cession accompanied by an American It is feared that the transfer of the ownership may prove a hindrance to the station of the British Pacific cable on the island.

> Referendum on Statehood. Washington, March 80 .- That the senate and house will reach a compropresent indications.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

STUPIDITY OF CANDIDATES.

Show Great Density.

Salem-Men who seek to be lawmakers or judges have the 'greatest trouble in preparing their primary petitions in population of Oregon will be less than such a manner as to comply with the provisions of the direct primary law. If it were not a cruel unkindness to those who aspire to these high and important offices, many stories could be teld of the great difficulty some of them have had in understanding the law and complying with its terms.

One candidate for the circuit bench has propounded a simple question concerning the requirements of the law, and has volunteered his own opinion as to its meaning, whereas the law itself contains a plain and unequivocal provision directly at variance with his views. Should he have as great difficulty in understanding the law after he secured a place on the circuit bench, there will be plenty of causes for appeal to the Supreme court.

Seven times Secretary of State Dunbar has been compelled to write to one man regarding the manner of preparing bis petitions, and that man wants to come to Salem and help make laws for the state of Oregon. There is still a possibility that he will not get his papers drawn in substantial compliance with the law and will be shut out of the privilege of being a candidate in the primaries.

Petitions are now being rushed to land transactions in this vicinity is re-the office of the secretary of State and ported to have been consummated. the clerks in that department are being wherein the Olean Land company, of kept busy early and late checking up the papers, to see that they contain the of timber in the vicinity of Gate creek. required number of names, from the Besides this large tract, the same comspecified number of counties and pre-

March 30 is the last day upon which nominating petitions can be filed for places on the primary ballot. Damocrats express the fear that some of their candidates will not get their petitions completed by that time.

Roads Over Umatilla Reserve. Pendleton - Agitation continued for years for public roads across the Umatilla reservation will at last he successful. Under an act of congress, public roads may be laid out across a reservation in the same manner as elsewhere, except that the road has to be approved by the department. In the past it has been held that the county had no rights upon the reservation, and consequently the use of the roads has been at the pleasure of the Indians. For several years the taking of sheep across the reserve has been prohibited.

Abandon Cascade Road.

Albany-Charles Altschul, representing the Willamette Valley & Coast Caswill not be responsible hereafter for timber and stone act. The road was dead whose graves were disturbed. built a third of a century ago.

Josephine Farmers Talk.

Grants Pass -- Farmers living in the Applegate valley have formed a telephone company to be known as the Applegate Valley Telephone company. Arrangements have been made with the Pacific States Telephone company by which they can connect with the latter company's lines in Grants Pass. Farmers living around Merlin, down Rogue river and on Jump-off-Joe will have a meeting in a few days to form a company to run a line from those sections to Grants Pass.

Favorable Weather Follows Freeze. The Dalies-Weather conditions are | 25.50. the most favorable since the recent freeze, and farmers generally believe that their grain that was frozen will come out all right. In a few places, the laws to prevent a recurrence of any directly exposed to the east winds, the grain will have to be resown, but it is believed that a very great percentage of the fall sown grain will make an average crop, or better, as the weather since the thaw has been cloudy and light rains have prevailed.

Old Deed is Filed.

filed for record here that was made before Oregon was a state. It was signed by Joab Powell and Anna Powell, November 25, 1858, and acknowledged before Jacob Snoderly, a justice of the a large sheet of paper, now yellow and dimmed. Powell was a pioneer minister, and has many descendants in Linn

Material for Central Rrilway.

La Grande-A carload of plows, scrapers and other tools for grading have been received at Union for use in work for the Central railway of Oregon. Some of the Eastern parties interested in the electric railway enterprise have 18@20c; geess, live, 8c; geess, dressed, slee exrived at Union and their press. also arrived at Union and their presence is accepted as the signal for the! commencement of active operations.

Oregon Horses for Japan. John Day-Henry Trowbridge and C. I. Officer, stockmen of the Izee country, have purchased a band of 100 horses for a contract of Seattle shippers with the Japanese government.

POPULATION DECREASES.

Aspirants for State Legislative Honors Inaccurate Work by Assessors in Taking Census.

> Salem - According to county assess ors' returns already examined the total that given by the Federal census of

In many instances the returns show at accuracy, and this lack of care is of such a nature that Secretary of State Danbar will hardly be able to complete the tabulation of the state census of 1905 until some time this fall, possibly preparing for the fray. If it comes, it

not before next winter. There was no appropriation made to provide extra help to do this work, censequently it must be done by the regular office force. The primary and general elections furnish all the work the employes of the office can handle for some time to come. It will be necessary to work overtime to tabulate the returns of the primary election, and to election.

The census returns in many instances were not properly extended. It will be necessary to go over all the papers process. With the present help, it will require weeks, and possibly months, to tabulate the returns properly.

Buying Timber for Speculation.

Eugene-One of the largest timber and transactions in this vicinity is re-Olean, N. Y., has secured 15 000 acres pany is negotiating for several other bodies of good timber along the Me-Kenzie river, aggregating probably 25,-000 acres or more. It is said the purchasing company has no intention of cutting the timber from these lands, but is buying for purposes of speculation and will hold for an advance in

Electric Line in Six Months. Astoria-W. L. Dudley, promoter of the proposed electric line between this city and Seaside, was here a few days ago and says the line will be completed and in operation within six months if the material is delivered within the specified time. He says permission from the government to build the bridge across Young's bay has been secured and the contract for the steel draw, as well as for 1,500 tons of 60pound steel rails have been awarded. The rails are to be delivered within 90

Find Indian Burying Ground.

The Dalles- Workmen clearing off a lot in the southern part of the city, cade Mountain Wagon Road company, belonging to M. J. Anderson uncovered buried with them, including a large repairs or for accidents on the road. number of elks' teeth. Mr. Anderson As a result, a number of men here are will have the bones and trinkets collected and placed in a suitable burial

> Small Force at Woolen Mill. Fugene - The Eugene woolen mill

has started operations on a limited scale. The new company which recently purchased the property has been making improvements, and intends putting the mill into full operation as soon as possible.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 67c; bluestem, 68c; red, 65c; valley, 69c. Oats - No. 1 white feed, \$27.50;

grav, \$27 per ton. Barley - Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton;

brewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24.50@ Hay - Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$17@18 per ton; common, \$13

@14; valley timothy, \$8@9; clover, \$7 50@8; cheat, \$6@7; grain hay, \$7@8; alfalfa, \$12.

Apples-\$1.50@2.75 per box.

Vegetables-Asparagus, 8c per pound; flower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, 75 Albany-A deed has been recently 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@≱1 per

> Onions - No. 1, 75c@90c per sack No. 2, nominal.

Potatoes - Fancy graded Burbanks, 50@60c per hundred; ordinary, nompeace. It was written with a quil! on inal; sweet potatoes, 21/62/4c per pound.

Butter-Fancy creamery, 25@271/e per pound.

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 16c per dozen. Poultry - Average old hens, 14@ 14%c per pound; mixed chickens, 13 @13 %c; broilers, 25@30c; young roosters, 13@13%c; old roosters, 12c; dressed chickens, 15@16c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; turkeys, dressed, choice,

Hops - Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@ 10%c; prime, 8% @9c; medium, 7@8c; olds, 5@7c. Wool-Eastern Oregon average best

15@20c; valley, 24@2cc per pound; mohair, choice, 25@28c. Veal-Dressed, 31/4 @8c per pound. Eeef - Dressed bulls, 236@8c per pound; cows, 8%@4%c; country

steers, 41/4@51/c.

Pork-Dressed, 6@81/c per pound.

STORM IS BREWING

Terrible Popular Revolt Coming Soon in Russia.

St. Petersburg, March 28 .- Despite St. Petersburg, the government's assurance that another extensive outbreak in the immediate future is impossible, the clouds are lowering and there are other indications that a big storm may break before parliament meets. The resentment against the terrible repressive measures of the government is arousing the people, especially the workmen in cities, to fury. This is playing into the hands on their face that no attempt was made of the revolutionists who are planning a strike and a general uprising.

They believe the right moment will come in mid-April and both sides are is likely to be bloodier and more terrible than anything previously occurring in this country.

The record of arrests last week in St. Petersburg, besides showing an awfut state of lawlessness in the capital, is eloquent testimony of the methods by which the government hopes to preget the official ballot out for the June vent the threatened explosion. According to the returns, 659 beggars, 215 persons without passports, 247 thieves, 270 highwaymen and 1,067 "unclassiand check them up, a slow and tedious fied" persons, which means political suspects, were taken into custody.

At no time during the war was the war office more busy than now, making dispositions to suppress the first evidence of rebellion. Machine guns and ammunition are being dispatched in every direction, troops are being shifted and concentrated at strategic points. armored trains are being stationed at railroad centers and ironclad automobiles are being sent to the larger cities for use in street riots. Here and in Moscow the Cossacks and other cavalry are again patrolling the streets day and night, a project for a wireless telegraph system to enable the government to communicate with the .nterior in the event of a strike of the railroad and telegraph operators is being hastily worked out and soldiers are being instructed how to man trains and work the telegraph lines.

JETTY BILL IN COMMITTEE.

Strong Hope It Will Be Favorably Reported to House.

Washington, March 28 .- The house committee on rivers and harbors today took up Senator Fulton's bill approprinting \$400,000 for jetty work at the mouth of the Columbia river, but it was decided to postpone formal consideration of the bill until the committee gets together all available documentary the warrant upon Mr. Per evidence of the urgent need of this ap- found that a writ of labester propriation. When the data has been already been obtained from collected-and it will include the re- court, and the matter was in ports of army engineers, a statement taken out of the handsofthe from Senator Fulton and papers from trate. Mr. Perkins appear It is expected that what is commonly road across the Cascade mountains and together with trinkets that had been Portland commercial interests — the Justice Greenbum and, at the committee will again be called together, Mr. Fulton will be given hearing and the committee will then determine sonal attorney, Lewis A. Delfe of the company's land grant under the place, to be selected by survivors of the what disposition to make of the bill.

Nothing developed at today's meeting to indicate how the committee will view this measure, but Repesentative Jones, of Washington, a member of the committee and a very enthusiastic supporter of the bill, said after the committee adjourned that he believed the bill would be favorably reported, if the committee could take such action without being compelled to attach a large number of other appropriations to that for the Columbia river. He is personally convinced that this is a strictly emergency bill and is not in favor o adding other appropriations for which the winter on account of the de there is less necessity at this time. There is strong hope that the committee may become impressed with the peculiar merits of this bill and consent to report it without amendment or without attaching other appropriations which would prove fatal.

His Plea for Niagara.

Washington, March 28 .- In submitting to congress the report of the Incabbage, 11/4@11/4c per pound; cauli- ternational Waterways commission regarding the preservation of Niagara @90c per dozen; onions, 40c per doz- falls, President Roosevelt sent a recomen; thubarb, \$1.25 per box; spinach, mendation that a law be enacted along \$1.25@1.50 per box; parsley, 25c; the lines of the recommendations of turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, the report. The message of the president concludes as follows: "I hope that this nation will make it evident that it is doing all in its power to preserve the great scenic wonder, the existence of which unharmed should be matter of pride to every citizen.'

> France Demands Indemnity. London, March 28 .- According to a dispatch from Shanghai to the Morning Post, France has demanded that China admit that the magistrate at Nanchang, whose violent death last month led to the murder of six Catholic missionaries and one child of an English missionary named Kingman, was not murdered; pay an indemnity of 350,000 tacls for he murder of the price's, execute six Chinamen and pay 90,000 tacls for the

> > Emigrants in Shiploads.

Livermont, March 28 .- The steamer Carmania, which sailed today for Yew York, carried noward of 2,600 passengers, a large proportion of whom were migrants. The Lake Champlain, of he Canadian Pacific line, leaving at thout the same time, took 1,200 emirants. The steamship companies anicipate an enormous rush of contiental emigrants for America during the coming season.

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WORKMEN HAVE NARROW

North Platte River Team A Diversion Dam, Bridge Many Houses.

Casper, Wyo., March 20,-D Platte river has been rieng alarming rate during the past due to the rapid melting of son previous week. The grate dam at Alvova, erected by the ation service as a temporary at to divert the waters of the rive the Pathfinder dam is being been washed away, and its b seriously interrupt the comp

the government enterprise. Although the heavy rains of few days has caused much appearance among residents of this part of ing, none were prepared for the throw of such a piece of engine the huge dam. When the supthrough the immense masor workmen barely escaped via lives. The dam had been been cost of nearly \$100,000.

The steel bridge built by the ment six miles below the dus

finder was also carried away. eabins, barns and property of scriptions are floating down the stream, which is spreading or lowlands and causing great stockmen and ranchmen. Mile miles of the lowlands are for it is feared much stock is drown

A report from Lander says the sheep belonging to Charles ! which were sout in a large she drowned and swept away.

PERKINS ARRESTED

Charged With Giving Away Sums of Insurance Man

New York, March 29 .- On a that his connection with the tion of \$48,702.50 from the h the New York Life Insurance t to Iornelius N. Bliss, treasurer Republican National committee campaign of 1904, constituted larceny in the first degree, 6ss Perkins, a member of the first Morgan & Co., and until re vice president of the New York surance company, was arreled on a warrant issued by Citr Ma Mose. When a detective west journed until tomorrow, Mr. was paroled in the custody di

GREAT SMELTER BURNE

Immense Plant in Wyoming De

When About to Start. Grand Encampment, Wye. 29 .- The great smelting, cost and electric and steam power s the Penn-Wyoming Copper of was practically destroyed by in entailing a loss estimated at \$1 insurance half that smooth smelter building was saved she fight by the fire department.

igin of the fire is a mystery. The plant had been closed & and improvements under wsf. rations were on foot to res month.

The fire will bring the build standstill for months. The Po oming company handled the see of a large part of the Encamp trict in addition to the ares b own mine, the Rudefha.

Legislates Out Officers Albany, N. Y., March 29 .surance bill postponing muim ance elections until November passed in the senate unanim bill as passed by the sense ported to the assembly late is ternoon and was substituted identical assembly bill, which the order of their reading. It tomorrow, and there is littlede it will be passed without man position and go at once to the for his approval.

Puts Screws on Cash Paris, March 29 .- Ann made that France consider has forfeited her right to the tariff by extending the diplomature to the commercial and pen lations of French subjects. government therefore is an apply the maximum tariff or zuelan goods, particularly cofe s now paying 133 france, should be paying 300 france; dred kilos.

No Coal on lows Mark Des Moines, March 29,-In-tion of a strike April 1, the reply of coal in Des Moines and been absorbed by railreads ies to the extent that not a commercial coal can be price. No orders for coal set dealers at any price and other fuel are bringing exorbitant pr