EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

ant Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

Ten children were badly burned at a fire in a church in Cincinnati.

The president has fixed his signature to the Panama canal treaty.

China is sure to join Japan as soon as her army wins a great victory Russia is very angry with Britain

over Lansdowne's book on Thibet. Russian merchants have adopted a

tural and legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills. The house has turned down amendments to strike out a battleship and cruisers from the naval appropriation.

Japanese forces have landed at Possit bay and advanced to Hun Chan. The Russian garrison on their approach fled to Kirin without firing a shot.

Fire at Brookport, N. Y., did great damage to property.

Russia is pouring troops into Port Arthur at a rapid rate.

The United States has ordered troops to Panama to relieve marines.

Two members of a desperate robber band have been captured in Califor-Russian military officials are confi

dent the war will be over by Septem-General Charles Dick appears almost sure to succeed the late Senator

Japan has offered to aid China in requiring the Russian gunboat to leave

W. Bourke Cockran has been elected to the seat in Congress vacated by Mayor McClellan, of New York.

France gives sympathetic support to the note of Russia declaring that Japan has violated international law

Oregon Senators and reappoint Booth and Bridges at the Roseburg land of-fice, despite the protest of Hitch-

The fear of war between Turkey and Bulgaria is increasing. Germany of war.

Turkey and Montenegro are on the

John Mitchell is expected to suc

ceed Wright as labor commissioner. Secretary Hay has addressed an other note to the powers in regard to

Foraker and others of misrepresenting him on his Panama stand, Turkey and Bulgaria are both mak

great preparation and war in the Balkans is considered near.

bill or the state of Washington will not be divided into two judicial dis-

Burton, of Ohio, has joined the op-position to the naval appropriation bill, contending the amount is too

John Garber, of San Francisco, has declined the appointment as canal commissioner, but some California commissioner, engineer is almost sure to get the ap-Seven life convicts in the New

superintendent and made a dash for liberty, but were subdued by guards. Senator Hansbrough has introduced a bill to end the lieu land evil.

Mexico penitentiary overpowered the

war and appears little in public. Fourteen people met death in Paris factory from an explosion.

Russians expect Japan to lay slege to Port Arthur and are preparing for

The Czar will likely proceed to the front in the spring to take personal command of the army. Japan has had a dispute with China

regarding a Russian gunboat which his information from Port Arthur peotook refuge at Shanghai.

the Russian army, aided by two grand dukes, uncles of the Czar.

they be admitted to statehood or that the island be granted independence. Perry S. Heath has resigned as secof the National Republican

committee. Elmer Dover will tempo-Presbyterian churches of the Unit ed States have agreed upon a plan of

Russia has abolished the censorship on all news excepting war move-

Mitchell is sure to head the interoceanic canal committee if Platt does

not want the place. St. Louis constables precipitated a riot, in which six men were shot, by the river in Illinois.

The house is considering the naval appropriation bill. It is the desire to have a navy which will be second none in the world. The bill carries \$14,000,000 more than last year's ap-

Russia is said to be preparing to evacuate Port Arthur and make Harbin her headquarters. This is claimed to be a much better point of vant-

CUTS RIVERS OUT.

Chairman Burton Lined Up Against the Columbia Appropriation.

Burton, of the house rivers and har bors committee, today notified Senator Fulton that he would oppose the in-Comprehensive Review of the Imports sertion in the sundry civil bill that is Fleet of Torpedo Boats Convoy Old Hulks to be passed this session of any appropriation for continuing the im ovement at the mouth of the Colum bia river, or for continuing the con struction of the Dalles-Celilo canal which has been begun with the pres ent appropriations.

Burton, contrary to the belief of the department, holds that neither of these projects are recognized by congress as Czar says: continuing contracts; therefore, he will oppose appropriations for them until the regular river and harbor bill framed next session.

Senator Fulton says an effort will be made to attach appropriations for the dalles improvement, and for the Russian merchants have adopted a policy of retaliation against America.

The Panama canal company will in no way block the transfer of property to the United States.

The senate has passed the agriculture of the senate has passed the agriculture of the work of the senate has passed the agriculture of the senate has passed the senate, in the senate has supply of the senate has supply of the senate has been destroyed two steamers near the entraction of the senate has passed can continue throughout the coming fiscal year on these two important pro

POWERS LIKELY TO FAVOR CZAR French Diplomats Deem Protectorate Over Corea Invalid.

Paris. Feb. 27.-It is the belief in the highest official quarters that the powers will support the Russian view of the invalidity of the Japanese treaty with Corea so far as it creates a Japnese protectorate over Corea, owing o the Emperor being under duress But it is said that no immediate action on the part of the powers is required. as the protectorate will definitely arise hen the terms of peace are consider

In the meantime official opinion here strongly sympathetic with Russia's osition, and it is considered that Rusa's note to the powers protesting against Japan's vio'ation of Corean neutrality fully protects international ights as the protest antedates the ofcial announcement of the conclusion

The foreign office considers the an ement confirmatory of the view that Russia's protest to the powers was designed to reserve all her rights and to prevent international acceptance of the treaty establishing a proectorate.

WRECKS ARE ONLY HULKS.

President Roosevelt will favor the Boats Japan Sent Into Port Arthur

from most authoritative quarters.
These say the Japanese sent five or course from Wel Hai Wel, is intercourse from Wel Hai Wel, is intercourse from the Japanese sent five or course from Wel Hai Wel, is intercourse from the Japanese sent five or course from Wel Hai Wel, is intercourse from the Japanese is declared to have been perfect, but they cordingly it is not within his province condingly it is not within his province. has been informed that Bulgaria is These say the Japanese sent five or rpedo-boats, to Port Arthur with the evident purpose of sinking the hulks at the entrance of the harbor. The battleship Retvizan discovered the approach and her fire on them was strongly seconded by that of the shore batteries north of Port Arthur.

The report adds that two Japanese ships were wrecked and lie in Tiger Bay, that along the shore another Japinese ship was burned, and a for es a wreck on the shore outside Tiger

Itis believed that these wrecks were ot warships, but bulks designed to sunk at the entrance of the harbor The wrecks are said to be at considerable distance from the harbor enrance, which remains open.

AGAIN OPEN FIRE

Japanese Squadron Determined to Des troy Port Arthur Fleet.

General Pflug, the chief of staff of Viceroy Allexeff, telegraphed as folows under today's date: "The enemy again attacked Port Arthur from 1 to A.M., and was everywhere repulsed. Details follow."

Following the dispatches of Majorattacked Port Arthur Thursday morn-ing and had been repulsed, Viceroy Alxieff has sent in an identical report to the Czar.

newed the attack is interpreted here o mean that they are determined to ottle up or destroy the Russian fleet at Port Arthur in order to give themselves freedom for land maneuvers to cut off or invest the city, or as a feint to cover a movement elsewhere.

Damage to Port Arthur Serious. New York, Feb. 27.-The Herald prints the following cable from its Chefoo correspondent, who received

"The Port Arthur forts had five uns silenced in the last battle. Newsky works and the entire fort were struck three times. Several shells fell just short of the arsenal, striking the mute wall surrounding it, out doing no damage.

Conspiracy of Silence.

London, Feb. 27.—War correspondents and Europeans in Japan. ommenting in amazement upon the uccess of Japanese officials in preerving secrecy regarding all the rations of war, declare that this conspiracy of silence,"is not only confined to government and secret service circles, but it extends to every section entire balance due on the of the community. All classes of people are submitting with marvelous patience to being deprived of news, attempting to close a poolroom across which they recognize as imperative to the success of the cause.

Trying to Intimidate China.

Tokio, Feb. 27.-The question of the stay of the Russian gunboat Mandjur t Shanghi remains unsettled. Paul essar, Russian minister to China, is said to be trying to ontimidate the Chinese government in the matter, de-

RUSSIAN VICTORY

Washington, Feb. 27.—Chairman JAPANESE ATTEMPT TO BLOCK PORT ARTHUR HARBOR.

> to Entrance of Port but are Detected -Were Loaded With Inflammables-London Puts Another Construction on the incident.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.-A telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the

"At a quarter before 3, on the morn ng of February 24, numerous Japanese torpedo boats attempted to attack the battleship Retvizan and sink large steamers loaded with inflamables. The Retvizan was the first to observe the torpedo boats and opened against it. The Retvizan observed four steamers in a sinking condition and eight toredo boats departing slowly to rejoin waiting Japanese warships. The The enemy is observed in the off-

g of Port Arthur in two lines. The Japanese crew saved them-

"I am proceeding to examine the to prevent ratification.

The debate in executive session was oasts. The entrance of the harbor I attribute the complete dethe Retvizan. Floating mines are President, Morgan made a set speech, lled three cruisers sent in pursuit the time. of the enemy, in order, in the first place, to clear the roadstead of float-

We had no losses."

DEEMS JAPAN MADE HER POINT.

London Interprets Sailing of Fleet as

Evidence Togo Was Satisfied. London, Feb. 26 .- Viceroy Alexieff's inton, founded upon earlier runors, that Admiral Togo made a daring attempt to bottle up the Russian bor of Port Arthur have been received courageous exploit, was soon steamese admiral's saitsfaction with the ac

complishment of his design. sels, or to distinguish between the ulks it was their intention to and torpedo boats. As two injured vessels were observed steaming slow y away from Port Arthur, and as the Japanese fleet was going at full speed ff Wei Hai Wei, it is presumed the two injured vessels might have

gone elsewhere to repair. Another explanation of the incom leteness of Admiral Togo's squadron s seen off Wei Hai Wei, is that he ossibly left some vessels to watch ff Port Arthur.

FIRE IN THE REAR.

Manchurian Rebels Are Uniting Against Russia.

New York, Feb. 26.—The World's Chefoo cable says: Manchuria is ris ng against the Russians. Five thous and Russian troops have been moved from Mukden to Runmintang, because the villages along the west side of the Liaotung Peninsula, natives are Jeneral Pflug, saying the Japanese had making active preparations to cut off small bodies of Russian troops there. Ten thousand Manchurians have al-

ready been enrolled in the movement, which is spreading. Volunteers are plenty; there is no lack of ammunition or money, for the patriotic rich re subscribing.

Many bandits, who, for two years have been quiescent for fear of the Russians, are reorganized, and will carry on guerilla warfare. The banits are aggressive, and have cutting telegraph wires.

Sentenced for Jewish Atrocities.

Kishinef, Russia, Feb. 26.-In the proceedings today in the second trial of persons connected with the massa cre here one of the cases tried was The that of Goutsou, Getziu and Korkhov damage to the town was serious.

shell struck amid the anchorage of junks, blowing many to atoms. The mortal injuries, and the first was sendered in the control of the con and the second to imprisonment for 21/2 years. Korkhovoi was acquitted. Damages to the amount of \$2500 were awarded to the widow of Ulman.

London, Feb. 26.-The British stimate for 1904-05 totals \$184,445. 000, a net increase of \$12,160,000 over estimate for 1903-04. More than half the increase in the estimate is due to the determination to pay the recently purchased Chilean battleships April 1, and to provide them with amof the personnel and material.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 26.-The lerman steamer Altenburg, Captain Kuhls, from Hamburg to West Indian ports, arrived today and reported that between Santo Domingo and Sanchez, claring emphatically that Japan has little chance of victory against a Rus-sian army of 500,000 men strong.

Santo Domingo, the Dominican gun-boat Presidente hove in sight and fired a blank shot across her bows.

Viadivostok are Chinese, and it is im-possible for the Russians to repair their damaged warships.

CANAL NOW SURE.

Senate Ratifies Panama Treaty by a Large Vote,

Washington, Feb. 25.-The United States Senate yesterday ratified, without amendment, the treaty with Panama for a canal across the isthmus of that name by a vote of 66 to 14. The result was a foregone conclusion, the interest in the matter being only in the division of the vote on the Democratic side, which was not known definitely until the roll was called, all the United States who have come to the Republicans being for ratification. look to this little garden spot of Ore Fourteen Democrats voted for ratificant for their big red strawberries cation and 14 against. Two Demo- need worry no longer about crats, Clark of Montana and Stone of will be leave for the crop this year Missouri, were paired in favor of the The water question, which has been treaty and three Democrats, Overman, causing the farmers so much trouble McLaurin and Martin, were paired against, so in the total vote 16 hereafter belong solely to the farmers. Democrats were for the treaty and 17

destroyed two steamers near the entrance of the harbor. They were coming directly toward her. One of them went on the rocks near the by a vote of 24 to 49. It-was a party made to secure loans from the state lighthouse on Tiger Peninsula, and the other sank under Golden Hill. on the negative side with the exception of Gibson and McEnery, Democrats, who voted with the Republicans. cost of water to the farmers to less Senators generally commend the than \$3.50 an inch. To those able to management of the treaty by Cullom, pay cash for water right, the cost will chairman of the committee on foreign be a little over \$1.50. The cost of measure during both the plain and cost of repairs and expenses appor stormy sailing. The vote was taken tioned pro rata among the land

s open. I attribute the complete degenerally on the merits of the treaty, angement of the enemy's plan to the with reference to the secret papers will be effected and a board of directification and destructive fire of which were sent to the Senate by the lors elected. Work will begin immediately an experience of the secret papers. still visible in the roadstead. I have which occupied the greater part of

HANGED AS SPIES.

Russians Discover Japanese Trying to Destroy Railroad.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.-It was of ficially announced today that three members of the Japanese staff, disguised as coolies, were captured while spatch to the Czar clearing up the substance of the sensational verdoubts caused by the sensational versions of the last Port Arthur affair, was received in London too late to be published in the early editions of the morning papers, but it confirms the opinion, founded upon earlier rubber of the morning papers. The lands were sold some time ago in 40-acre tracts at \$2.25 an acre, but the purchasers were informed that it would be unlawful to convert the timber into wood or lumber until two tried to destroy.

The three Japanese were Colonel Boats Japan Sent Into Port Arthur
Were Old Transports.

Paris, Feb. 27.—Additional details of the Japanese attempt to close the harbor of Port Arthur bor of Port Arthur have been received.

In all the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, and, although Viceroy Alexieff asserts that the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur is still free, the fact that Admiral Togo's fleet, minus the vessels in the bor of Port Arthur have been received.

Assi, one of the most expert of Japanese engineers, and one of the instructors at the War College; Lieutenant is said to have delivered 800 cords of wood to Pendleton structors at the War College; Lieutenant Togo's fleet, minus the vessels in the courageous exploit, was soon steam.

were caught while in the act of plac- to prefer charges against the allege recognized by a Russian officer, who trict governed by the Land Office was formerly stationed as a military La Grande and it will be for the La It is pointed out here that it would be difficult for the Russians, in the attache at the Russian Legation at the darkness of night, to ascertain just Tokio. There was no question of their larities. A great had happened to Japanese vestiguilt. In fact, they did not even take a guilt. In fact, they did not even take a guilt. They were like to deny it. the trouble to deny it. They were it is believed that many prominent granted but a short time to prepare farmers will be included among the The execution was witnessed by all the Russian troops at the post

and a large number of natives. The newspapers of Port Arthur dated February 4, reached St. Petersburg today, indicating that they were ess than three weeks in transit froop trains probably require a longer ime on account of the difficulties at Lake Balkal, where provisions and agement is busy

London Journal Reports That Japan Has Deposed the Emperor.

dispatch dated Harbin, which states that news has been received there to the effect that the Japanese Minister to Corea has deposed Emperor Yi Heui, and has issued a proclamation

annexing Corea to Japan. According to a Chefoo dispatch to the Morning Post, the Russian troops are deserting by wholesale in Manchuria. The Corea correspondent states that the report that Japanese have landed at Pigeon Bay and near Dalny is confirmed.

The Standard prints a dispatch dated Seoul stating that a force of 2,000 place of similar size in the northwest. Chinese are harassing the Russians at Liao Yang. The correspondent states that several important bridges on the railway between Harbin and Vladivostok have been destroyed.

Chinese Troops Go to Front.

New York, Feb. 25.-The World has the following cable from its Tientsin correspondent: "The transportation of Chinese troops from this point to outside the great wall began today. dispatched. Several Japanese officers were at the station to inspect the proceedings. Apart from the 10,000 Chinese now being forwarded about 9,000 are distributed along the railway line, 2,250 at Liaoyang, 1,500 at Chinchoufu, 1,800 at Sinmintung and 750 at Tienchuantai. The movements of the Russian troops are being strictly guarded from observation cars."

Tokio, Feb. 25.—It is impossible to the middle of March, at which time the government will introduce bills munition for the next year. The remainder of the increase arises from expansion of the fleet, increase in pay measures will provide for an annual the votes cast. revenue for military purposes of 60,600,000 yen (\$30,000,000), but the exact nature of the measure will be kept

Russians Can't Repair Ships. Wei Hai Wei, Feb. 25 .- All the mehanics at Port Arthur, Dalny

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

BUY THE DITCH.

Water Question. Hood River.-There is great olding among the farmers of Hood River, and the thousands of people in will be larger and better than ever. To pay for the ditch and make nec

relations, who has had charge of the water each year is regulated by the selves in boats, and it is possible that much earlier than was anticipated at owners. The ditch itself is to remain come of them were picked up by the first, when its opponents were vigor-outly free from debt, the farmers ously trying to secure enough votes assuming all obligations.

As soon as a majority of stock is taken, a call will be issued for a diately toward getting the ditch in shape to have water for the strawberries by May 1.

TERMS OF SALE VIOLATED

Purchasers of Umatilla Timber Land Sell Wood Wholesale.

Pendleton.-Charles Wilkins, agent it the Umatilla Indian reservation, says that during the past six mosths there has been wholesale consumption of timber on ceded lands, which prac-tice is a violation of the laws. The years after the date of sales.

It is said that many have paid but little attention to this stipulation, and recently have sold large quantities of Mr. Wilkins says the timber lands

ing the explosives in place and were violators. The lands are in the dis-La Grande and it will be for the Land Inspector to investigate the irregu A great deal of apprehension is felt

NURSERIES DO A BIG TRADE

Milton Firms Supply a Large Ter

Milton.-Two large nurseries do business here, and just now the man troops are crossing, both on ice trains shipment of nearly \$50,000 worth of trees to all parts of Washington and SAYS IT HAS ANNEXED COREA ments will be made during the early part of next month in many cases other orders going out later. These rees are grown near this city, and all the care and attention is given by local men. The varieties generally are those that are known to thrive well in this climate and the principal

output is apple trees. During the past decade a large amount of money has been sent out of the country for fruit trees, and a few years ago local capital became in ed to furnish trees for the orchard which seemed to be certain of establishment. The business proved satis factory, and it is now difficult to get farmers to send away for nursery stock of any kind. Following the success of one nursery, another was es-tablished, and now Milton sends out more trees annually than any other

Grand Ronde Apples Go Fast.

La Grande.-Within the past three reeks the Blue Mountain Fruit Company in La Grande has shipped to the Eastern markets 15 carloads of Grand Ronde apples, which were held over last fall by the growers. J. D. McKennon, one of La Grand's leading grocers, has shipped out two carloads of apples and several carloads of Butter fat—Sweet cream, 31c; sour potatoes of late. About 20,000 boxes cream, 29c. of saleable apples were raised in the Cove district alone in the year 1903 and a much larger crop is expected in the year 1904.

To Move County Seat Back.

La Grande.-Petitions have been put in circulation in almost all localities in Union County asking the county Court to submit the question of reley, per dozen, 25@40c per dozen; pars-ley, per dozen, 25c; tomatoes, \$1.50@ ettuce, head, 25@40c per dozen; locating the county seat from Union that the Japanese Diet will meet about at the general election in June. This at the general election in June. This petition is formulated under the general law of 1903, which provides for pumpkins, 1c per pound; cucumbers, or all law of 1903, which provides for pumpkins, 1c per pound; cucumbers, or the guestion upon petition and the general election in June. This per dozen; celery, 65c per dozen submission of the question upon peti- \$2.25 per

To Reduce Rate of Interest.

Astoria.-The Astoria school dis rict has bonds amounting to \$12,000. hich can be redeemed on March 1. and the directors have made arrange ments to refund them by borrowing money from the state. This will reduce the rate of interest from 6 to 5 per cent and effect quite a saving to the district.

Hood River Farmers Effectively Settle Do Those Now In Hold for Two Years

Salem.-Do County Assessors, now

Longer?

Assessors now in office were elected Japanese army corns under a law which prescribed two landed in three divisions. The 12th years as the term of office. In 1903 division had already disembarked and the Legislature amended the law so as to read that "there shall be elected the Imperial Guards were to follow at the general election by the quali- immediately. A general advance on ed electors of each county in this state a County Assessor, who shall hold his office for the term of four years, and until his successor is elected and qualified." There is nothing in the act which specifies whether assessors now in office shall be affected by the new law. It has been gener-ally supposed that the present incumbents would retire when their

some doubt about this. On the other hand, it is a general rule that laws changing the length of a term of office do not affect incum-bents unless the intention to do so is clear. In the present instance, the words "there shall be elected" would seem to indicate an intention that the aw should affect only those elected in he future, but as these words were in the old law and were merely re-peated in the amendatory act, they not have any particular meaning in that respect.

FINE COWS FOR DAIRYING.

Jackson County Farmer Buys Hol steins-Big Farm to Be Made. Jacksonville. - Brophy Bros., the

wners of a fine dairy ranch in this valley, have received from Scappoose, Columbia County, a carlead of fine Holstein cows to add to their already hoice herd of milch cows. Benton Bowers, of Ashland, who lately purchased the Beekman & Reames tract of land on Rogue River, seven miles north of Jacksonville, have a force of 20 men at work re-pairing the buildings, rebuilding fences and clearing additional land. There is 700 acres in the tract, 400

erds in Rogue River valley. Isaac Householder has sold his in erest in the Kain's Creek limekilns ear Jacksonville, and will at once put in a wood camp on Poorman's

acres of which will be put to grass, 300 acres of this being seeded to al-

Double its Capacity.

La Grande.-The La Grande Cres ent Knitting Mills, the only factory f its kind in the Northwest outside of Portland, is arranging to double ts capacity and has ordered a dozen new machines. The factory makes stockings, shawls and underwear The factory makes market all the way from \$2 to \$25 per uit, and are manufactured of cotton wool and silk. It is now impossible danelles by the Russian Black Sea for the factory to fill all the orders fleet. I am further informed that this oming in. This factory has been in peration in La Grande only a little

Busy Times at Prairie City. Prairie City.-As spring approaches levelopment of this district begins to assume shape. It is now conceded that the Sumpter Valley and Bonta ailroads will race for the occupancy of this field. The Bonta road has secured a part of the right of way and the surveying corps is busy locating adopt the subterfuge of altering the remainder. The enterprise has appearance, disguising them as een financed, and it is given out that it will be a steam road instead of an the O. R. & N. and simplifies the transfer from one road to the other.

PORTLAND MARKETS. Wheat-Milling quotations; Walla Walla, 77@78c; bluestem, 82@83c;

Barley-Feed, \$21@22 per prewing, \$22; rolled, \$23. Flour-Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barel; hard wheat straights, \$3.90@4.10; clears, \$3.55@3.75; hard wheat pat-ents, \$4.20@4.50; graham, \$3.75; whole wheat, \$4; rye flour, \$4.50@4.75.

Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.15; gray, \$1.10 er cental. Millstuffs-Bran, \$18.50@19 per ton middlings, \$26; shorts, \$19.50@20; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19. Hay—Timothy, \$15@17 per ton; clover, \$11@13; grain, \$12@13; cheat

Butter-Sweet cream butter, 321/20 per pound; fancy creamery, choice creamery, 25@27%c; dairy and store, nominal.

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, 121/2@13c

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 24@25c per Vegetables-Turnips, 80c per sa carrots, 80c; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1; cabbage, 1% @2c; red cabbage, 1% c

per crate; caulificur, 75c@\$1 Danvers, \$2@2.25 per sack Potatoes-Fancy, \$1@1.10 per sack ommon, 70@90c, growers' sweets, 24c in sacks; 24c crated. Beef-Dressed, 6@74c per poun

Mutton-Dressed, 6@71/c; Veal - Dressed, small, 81/2@9c

large, 61/207c. Pork—Dressed, 70071/2c Hops-Choice, 26@28c per pound; prime, 25c; medium, 24c. Wool — Valley, 17@18c; Easte Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 32@35e.

ON TO THE NORTH.

Japanese Land Forces Advancing on Ping Yang.

Wei Hai Wei, Feb. 24.-On Februry 19 the Haimun arrived at Chemul-ASSESSORS' TERMS OF OFFICE that had been arranged for. Conpo and started for a private anchorage spicuous at the entrance of the harbor were the wrecks of the Russian ressels that had been sunk after the in office, hold two years longer, under engagement with the Japanese. Salthe act of 1903, extending the term of the act of 1903, extending the term of the Variag and the divers were at

Japanese army corps was being this the road to Ping Yang is expected

The methods of the Japanese excite the greatest admiration from all foreign military experts who witness them. British officers declare openly hat it is an improvement over anything in their experience and state year terms have ended, but there may that it indicates an organization su perior to anything in Europe.

Japan's action in Corea amounts to an acceptance of responsibility for the safety of foreigners throughout Cores and all apprehensions of local disturbances have been allayed

The original scheme on the part of the Japanese Board of Strategy has been to land at Masampho and march northward, but the naval victories changed all this and enabled the transports to land at Chemulpo. While the Russian-Siberian squadron remains intact at Vladivostok it is regarded as unlikely that Japan will attempt to land troops on the Eastern coast. The road so far as Hwang Ju is good. It is flanked by paddy fields, which are at present frostbound and covered with two inches of

The conditions are such that it would be almost impossible for the Russians at present to check the Japanese advance. However, the district between the Yalu River and Ping Yang is of such strategic value as to necessitate strenuous efforts on the part of both combatants to occupy it. falfa this spring, and the remainding Success by the Russians in this respect will render Chemulpo untenable plans to have one of the best selected as a base by the Japanese. On the other hand, should the Japanese successfully occupy it, they will have a clear field and an open sea behind them, over which they can hurry addi-Creek and a woodyard in Jackson- tional troops as they are needed.

Russia Again Negotiating for Passage

New York, Feb. 24 .- The Herald as the following cable from its St. Petersburg correspondent: "I have received further corrobors tion that active negotiations are in progress for the passage of the Dar-

is the reason why such pains have teen taken of late to obtain the good will of Austria. Germany will very probably be willing to further Russia's plan, being glad enough to find there-by means of realizing her well-known sia weaken herself in fighting the Far East. Russia knows all this, but to nevertheless eager to get her ships through, even if it is necessary to appearance, disguising them as mer-chantmen. The Porte is almost will-ing, and if England makes any ob-jection to the passage it will be the ignal for an immediate advance

ward India. "The Russian government has ju chartered from a local firm of ship-owners four ships, which sail from Black Sea ports with cargoes of coal. Very high terms were given, and in case of capture the government

will pay the full value of the vessels. "The order of the day is that Japan will be allowed to occupy Corea. The deet has received instructions not to engage in any fight at present, but to remain quiet on defensive until the be-ginning of July, when half of the whole Baltic fleet will be dispatched to the Far East."

Nagasaki, Feb. 24.-The steamer Stolberg has arrived here from Vladivostock with 20 white foreigners, 1506 Chinese and 50 Japanese. She brings n addition 40 survivors of the Japan se steamer Nakanoura Maru, which was sunk by the Russian squadron from Vladivostok on February 11. Two men were drowned du ng their transfer to the Russian kips. The survivors were well per pound; springs. small, 14@15c; hens, 13@13½c; turkeys. live, 15@16c sages. The Vladivostok squadron inper pound; dressed, 18@20c; ducks, tended to bombard Hakodate, but a snow storm prevented the vessels special sages. snow storm prevented the vessels from entering the Straits of Tsguaru.

With Japan's Exhibit.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 24.-With the most valuable cargo ever brought to American steamship Lyra arrived in Tacoma today from the Orient. The Lyra brought the exhibit of the Japanese government for the Louisiana Exposition at St. Louis, besides a miscellaneous cargo valued at \$1,000,000. It would be impossible to estimate the value of the entire cargo, for in the Mikado's exhibit are articles of such carity that they are priceless. rarity that they are priceless.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The Senate oday confirmed W. Cameron Forbes, the Philippine Commission and to suc of Commerce and Police, Luke E