EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

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

Minister Kurino says Japan has no thought of annexing Corea.

organize an anti-Mormon party.

Martial law has been abolished at tion has cost \$600,000.

barded Port Arthur, but at too long range to effect any damage.

The Japanese fleet has again bom-

vestigation has been ordered. Witnesses before the senate committee say Dietrich sold the Hastings,

Admiral Makaroff has cleared the

Ex-United States District Attorney Critchlow declares the Mormon church exerts its power in buisness circles as well as in politics.

Military experts declare Japan's delay in moving the main body of her army is due to fear of encountering the Vladivostok squadron.

Japan is rapidly moving troops into

The electric road to connect Hoquiam and Aberdeen will soon be com-

The last attack of the Japanese on

President Roosevelt has again enjoined the United States to observe strict neutrvality.

Russia has granted the request of America for officers to accompany the fessed. army during the war.

Alaskan bills, but deferred action on that giving the territory a delegate.

to his memory.

Secretary Taft and noted financiers have held a conference relative to building railroads in the Philippines; Russia, However, Does Not Expect an the latter are timid about undertaking such a proposition.

The Smoot case is still before the

The flood situation at Harrisburg. Pa., is the worst in its history.

Japan says she did not have troops in Corea prior to the opening of hos-

of Springfield, Ohio, and state troops have been called out. Rain in the Inland Empire country

has swelled streams so that they are unable to carry off the water. Many Japanese are entering Rus-

sian forts disguised as Chinese and gaining valuable information. R. A. Balinger has been elected

elected all but three councilmen. A tract of swamp land on Upper Klamath lake has been sold to asso-

ciates of State Senator Marsters. Japan is sending Marquis Ito to Cor-This would seem to indicate that

she intends to make it her base of The senate has adopted amendments to the army bill, giving Porto Rico guns.

troops and consolidating the adjutant general's office with the record and

The senate has passed the naval

Another British cabinet orisis is believed to be at hand. The Chicago Federation of Labor is

fighting Mayor Harrison. United Mineworkers will leave the question of strike with the local un-

A second bombardment of Vladivostok is reported in which the Japanese lost one or two cruisers.

Report on affairs of Indian Territory smacks of graft on the part of omeials connected with speculative

A Springfield, Ohio, mob took hanged him and then riddled his body

A witness in the Smoot trial says the was married after the issuance of garian diplomatic agent at Constanti-

Young performed the ceremony. The report on influence being exert-

ed by members of congress to gain in creases in postoffice rentals, clerk etc., involves members from all but five states, Oregon, Idaho, Ne-vada, New Hampshire and Rhode Is-

The house has passed the Indian appropriation bill.

Dreyfus has won an appeal for a revision of his case.

the Guam-Japan cable concession.

WILD GALE RAGES.

Pacific Coast From San Diego to Van couver Island Wind Swept.

worst rain and wind storm in 13 years swept over this city and along the Pacific coast today, doing much damage to shipping, railroads and frame buildings through the state. The storm extends from San Diego to Vancouver Island, and it is feared that many marine disasters have ocurred along the

In this city this morning the baromster reached 29.23, the lowest record, Prominent Gentiles of Salt Lake will and the wind registered a velocity of 48 miles an hour, while at Sacramente a gale of 64 miles was recorded. Tele-Telluride, Col. The military protec- graph and telephone wires were prostrated in every direction and for several hours this city was entirely cut off from the outside world.

At the Cliff House on the beach near the entrance to San Francisco Bay Bristow has again been assailed in tremendous waves dashed against the the house for postal report and an in- rocky shore and sent masses of spray over the huge baths, a steel frame building 50 feet high. Numerous small craft on the bay were blown ashore and damage to shipping in San Neb., postoffice appointment for \$2,- Francisco bay will amount to many thousands of dollars.

Reports from the interior show that entrance to. Port Arthur and is determ- the storm extended over practically the ined to go out after the enemy with entire state. In the southern portion, where the season has been dry, the rain will greatly benefit crops.

SECRETS FOR SALE.

Naval Information.

Paris, March 12 .- In spite of official reticence and denials from the Jap-cruisers got within range and one of anese legation here, it is affirmed that the latter's shells crippled the Sterea noncommissioned officer named Mar- guschtchi. The race riot at Springfield, Ohio is tin, who was employed in the ministry of marine, and who is now under arcrets to a naval attache at the Japanese | the face of the enemy in an attempt

Port Arthur was brief and of little con- tal opening of a letter addressed to the who insists on being in the van of the ommissioned officer by a naval fighting. captain of the same name. The letter was from an intermediary, but it indicated the principals in the affair. It is alleged that several women are im. New Battleship Will Also Be Great Fightplicated, and one of them has con-

The senate has passed a number of Leaders in the house are arranging alleged to have been stolen got beyond shipbuilding company, of Philadel- was to Great Britain. Most of it will ulfor an investigation of the connection of members of that body with the postoffice.

The death of Congression Croft of The death of Congressman Croft, of nication with Martin, sailed for home \$2,999,500, the contract period being penditure on Russia of one-quarter of penditure on Russia of one-quarter

READY FOR WAR IN BALKANS

Balkans develps the fact that the pre- all-around machine, not only capable vailing opinion in government, as well of withstanding an attack from the enas diplomatic circles, is against an out- emy, but of being able to engage or break of war in the spring, although give chase to the enemy if need be Russia and Austria, and besides, the ship and cruiser combined. Russian authorities appear to be satisfied completely regarding the attitude of Bulgaria. What assurances the authorities have concerning Bulgaria Japanese Bombardments of Port Arthur are not known, but they do not tally with direct information from other sources, representing Bulgaria as havmayor of Seattle. The Republicans dent that she can defeat the Turks sin- greater attempt to reduce Port Arthur repeal of the timber and stone home- Roseburg, \$16,000. gle handed.

Evidently the porte is alarmed at

Officers Fight Mob Off. Murphysboro, Ill., March 12 .- A mob of 75 men from Carbondale made an attempt at 4 o'clock this morning to take Thomas Vaughn, a negro f om the county jail here.

Holds Balkan Situation Alarming.

St. Petersburg, March 12.- A spec ial dispatch to the Viedomosti paints the Balkan situation in dark colors. The correspondent declares that a colnegro, who shot a detective, from jail, lision between Bulgaria and Turkey may occur any day and says that it was counts of the landing of Japanese hoped that the draft of the agreement troops at different points, and the varisubmitted by M. Natchevitch, the Bulthe manifesto and is positive Brigham nople, to the porte would patch up corps which has arrived at Harbin will peace, but the sultan at the last moment refused to sign it.

Now \$12,600,000 a Pound.

New York, March 12 .- An importer of radium here gives out the startling news that the price of this latest pro duct of the scientist has increased 200,000 a pound in two days. commercial rate last week was \$8,400,has been the demand for a few grains lombia of General Rafael Reyes is dethat the supply on the market probab-The United States will not grant that the supply on the market probability thing that can possibly prevent a movethe end of the present month.

FIGHT FOE ON SEA

San Francisco, March 12. - The RUSSIANS SINK A JAPANESE TOR-PEDO BOAT.

> Both Sides Suffer an Equal Loss-Rusedly in the Night While Out Scout-

Bravery in an Attempt at Rescue.

St. Petersburg, March 14.-The combardment which followed Thursday morning, was not given out here until after midnight.

Two official messages from Viceroy Alexieff had been received during the sorts of rumors of the information con- base. tained in the dispatches were spread directed the attack upon the enemy's Russians were scouting in search of the

As far as known here, this is the first were against the Russians, as the squadron was supported by the cruisers French Officer Offers Japan Important of the enemy, the Russians made a he role dash for the foe, and apparently Russia Figures That Most of the had the better of the combat-sinking

Makaroff in transferring his flag to rest, attempted to sell French naval se. the cruiser Novik, and sailing out in The discovery of this alleged at. stamping him at the outset of his comtempt came as a result of the acciden. mand as a man of force and action,

ing Machine.

IDAHO TO BE SWIFT.

Washington, March 14 .- Unless un-It appears now that only one docu- foreseen obstacles are encountered, the ment is missing from the ministry of battleship Idaho will become a part of to the contracting firm, and already ment." steps have been taken looking to the

construction of the two vessels. The navy department has embodied in the Idaho the most modern ideas in While not as naval architecture. St. Petersburg, March 11.-Careful great as some of the vessels in modern inquiry concerning the outlook in the navies, the Idaho is designed to be an A perfect understanding exists between the best features of the modern battle-

GREATER ATTACK IS IMMINENT.

Only Preparatory.

ent of the Telegraph at Seoul describes ing her army under mobilization, with the recent Japanese attacks on Port having her plans perfected for an in- Arthur as "successful preparatory bomvasion of Turkey, and as being confi-bardment," thereby intimating that a bois, of Idaho, favoring the outright is thought imminent.

the outlook, as an American, a repre- Mail gives alleged information of the laws to take their place. sentative of an ordnance firm, who Japanese landing movements up to California, and Dietrich, of Nebraska, came here to act as a broker in the March 9, and says disembarkation is are now with the democrats. All sale of South American warships to proceeding at Chemulpo and points to favor legislation similar to that re-Russia, has been requuested to go to the northward with marveluos rapid-Constantinople immediately, the sultan ity. During the last ten days 16 transdesiring to purchase a large supply of ports have landed 10,000 men at a members for absolute repeal, six supetween Chemulpo and Chinampo.

All persons of the name of Lewis. their relatives and friends in America Sheriff are preparing for the crusade of the Thorp had been apprised of their ccm- Lewis clans to the World's Fair in St. ing and he and Deputy Woodruff lay Louis, Friday, September 23, 1904, in it. The mob quickly dispersed, but Lewis Lewis day, Sept. 23, 1904, will not until three of its members had mark the 98th anniversary of the tribeen captured. Deputy Woodruff's umphant return of the Lewis & Clark gun was discharged prematurely, tear-ing his arm.

umphant return of the Lewis & Clark expedition of discovery to the Pacific. at the Lewis & Clark exposition in Portland, Oreogn.

Russians Will Be Held at Harbin.

Mukden. Manchuria, March 14-It is officially announced that in consequence of the many conflicting acous reports of the intentions of the Japanese commanders, the Russian army be detained. It will be most difficult Harbin will entail much hardship.

Crisis at Hand In Cauca.

Panama, March 14 .- The internal situation in the Colombian department of Cauca has in no way improved, and appears to be approaching a crisis. The election to the presidency of Coclared in some quarters to be the only

ALL EYES ON IT.

Russian Vladivostok Squadron Must Soon Be Located.

Tokio, March 10.-It is believed here that there has already been a decisive naval engagement in the vicinity of Vladivostok, and details of it are anxiously awaited. The Japanslans Came Upon Japanese Uuexpect- ese fleet did not, it is said, go to Vladivostok for the purpose of bombardng the town, but to locate and ating-Russian Admiral Shows Great tack the Russian fleet stationed there. It is understood here that when the Arthur between torpedo flotillas, which the way of avoiding battle close to the Russian ships re-entering the harbor. location of the enemy had been disday and presented to the emperor, but advantage of being in a position becovered, as it meant surrendering the

and numbers of ships in the Japanese the matter up. ships. When the texts appeared, it it was probably sufficiently strong to squadron have been kept secret, but

Gen San, where it has planned the put it on the market. This will be each other at sea. Although the odds volving an attack upon the Russian portunities offered in Oregon, and be squadron had been concluded.

WAR COST NOT A DEAD LOSS.

Money Will Go to Her People. Paris, March 9 .- A St. Petersburg dispatch gives an interview with M. Kokovzev, to whom has been intrusted The gallant action of Vice Admiral the raising of funds required for the conducting of the war.

"Even on the most unfavorable hyothesis," he says, "the vital forces of at rescue, receives unstinted praise, the empire cannot be effected. The expenditure must not be looked upon from a European viewpoint, or com pared, for example, with the South African struggle. Would Russia have to spend, for example, 380,000,000 francs for the purchase of horses outide of her domains? Hardly. At the maximum she will expend but 10,000,-000 francs, and this will be exclusively expended in Russia. The cost of the transport of the troops, and supplies, also, will be paid over to the

state rallway. marine, but it is possible that Martin the United States navy early in the that the money expended from the naphotographed and replaced others. It spring of 1907. Under the terms of a tional treasury will not be the dead is not probable that the information contract recently made with the Cramp loss that the cost of the Transval war The death of Congressman Croft, of South Carolina, was the cause of the house adjourning for a day in respect on board one of the cruisers which Japhave been completed and turned over have been completed and turned over South Africa to the British govern-

Senators Fail to Agree on Land Reform Measures,

Washington, March 10.-Western enators are hopeful that legislation along the lines recommended in the report of the Public Land Commission, sent to congress vesterday, will the danger is not considered passed. In other words, the Idaho embodies be enacted at the present session of river and Butter creek. pects to take up the commission's recommendations at its meeting tomorrcw, and an effort will be made to secure a report on a bill repealing the the sale of government timber, and land, \$50,000. arrying out the recommendations regarding desert land and homestead cigars, \$2000.

Unfortunately there is a division of Portland, \$50,000. the committee on party lines, the democrats, with the exception of Du- Grande, \$20,000. stead commutation and desert land A correspondent at Chefoo of the acts, without the enactment of other commended by the commission. This leaves the committee standing seven town the Japanese call Kaishoe. Dis- porting the commission's recommendpatch boats began to run on Wednesday ation, with Nelson in doubt and Bur-

Russia to Have Large Force. Paris, March 10 .- The St. Peters many west. burg correspondent of the Figaro has sent an interview with General Sakharoff, minister of war, who, while re fusing to give the number of men con in wait. When the mob reached the honor of the memory of their distin- military authorities were well pleasjail the officers trained their guns on guished tribesman. Capt. Meriwether sd. There was no lack of troops, he beyond Lake Baikal were inadequate, and he was about to send 120 lake in order to move the troops more rapidly. General Sakharoff declared that the number of troops to go to Manchuria had not yet been fixed.

Columbus, O., March 10 .- Upon ur gent representations from Bowlus, of Springfield, O., that a race war was imminent, as a result of the lynching of the negro Dixon, Governor Herrick tonight ordered companies of state militia to that city to preserve order. Adjutant-General Crutchfield at once arranged for the mobilization of the troops. Governor to find accommodations for this great Herrick's first order to Mayor Bowlus body of troops, and their detention at was to issue a proclamation ordering the closing of all saloons.

Russia Tears Building Down.

St. Louis, March 10.-The frame work for the Russian National Pavilion at the World's Fair, was torn down today on receipt of a cablegram from St. Petersburg by Contractor Lecouer, who has been in charge of the work. The cablegram was from the department of the interior, briefly ordering such work as had been completed torn down.

KNOW TIMBER BUSINESS. Many Men Coming From Middle Western States. There is indication of a large immi-Japanese fleet arrived there on Sun that will be very important in the amount of power and water that can day last, it found the Russian squad-development of the timber resources ron absent. If this is true, it gave of the sate. C. H. Stewart of Albany, plete story of the flerce fight off Port the Japanese squadron advantage in one of a number of people interested for the benefit of La Grande and the Arthur between torpedo flotillas, which occurred Wednesday, and the bom- inshore batteries, at the same time which were suspended because enputting it in a position to prevent the tered in the wrong district, has been a motor line to Hot Lake and other corresponding with the holders of sus- points in the county. It is doubted that the Japanese with-drew their entire squadron unless the certed action in the matter of getting pended claims, with a view to con-certed action in the matter of getting of the electric light company that their applications reinstated.

the public remained in suspense. All tween the enemy and the enemy's list of holders of suspended applica- power obtained through the pipe will among the officials, but they did not the Japanese found the Russian ships a great many of them have written sufficient to furnish this amount of have their texts, and were under the in the vicinity of Possiet Bay, and letters to the effect that they will be power for a period of one year, withimpression that Admiral Makaroff had gave them battle there. The names here this spring to assist in looking out receiving any additional supply.

pondence letters have come from lum- ply water for 500-horsepower. became evident the collisions between divide into two divisions, the one to bermen in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minthe torpedo flotillas had occurred acci-dentally during the night while the cruise in search of the Russian ships. effect that they will remove to Ore-The navy department expects to gon to reside and invest their means near the site of the Old Town flouring eceive dispatches tomorrow from in timber and the necessary mills to mill time the torpedo boats have engaged fleet would call after the operation in done both because of the great opcause of the rigorous weather that has prevailed in their home states during the present winter.

They are all substantial men who have had experience in the lumber business, and have been on the ground here seeking a new field for operations, where there are abundant resources and a climate in which life can be enjoyed and work continued the year round.

LEGISLATURE WILL DECIDE.

Unpaid Indian War Claim Will Be Presented to That Body.

Salem,-Secretary of State Dunbar has prepared a circular letter free of charge. which he is sending out to all Indian War veterans who have unpaid claims against the State. He informs them that since the appropriation has been exhausted he has no further authority to audit claims or issue warrants, but he will preserve the claims and present them to the next Legislature,

This is in accordance with a general law prescribing the duties of the Sec retary of State. The claims now in the hands of the Secretary of State amount to \$35,227.06.

understood that Adjutant-General Gantenbein has received claims amounting to \$15,000 more. Whether the remaining claims will be

Articles of Incorporation Filed. Salem.-Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State last week as follows: Farmers' Irrigating Company, Hood River, \$75,000.

Warrenton Grocery & Butcher Com pany, Warrenton, \$5000. Stanfield Irrigation Company Echo

\$5000. Object to construct an irrigation system in Umatilla and Morrow counties, taking water from Umatilla Abbett Tinning & Roofing Company, Portland, \$1000.

Shipping Supply Company, Port Lutke Manufacturing Company, timber and stone act, providing for fice furniture manufacturing, Port-

Prasil & Co., Inc., Portland, liquors, Campbell Transportation Company,

La Grande Mercantile Company, La Maccabees' Building Association,

Oklahomans at Independence. Independence,-Five families of Oklahomans arrived here from California this week. They have found two residences in which they have moved until better accommodations can be secured. They are pleased with the cate here. They state that they are in communication with some 50 families in Oklahoma who are contemplating coming West and will settle in this state if they are satisfied, as the cold winters in the East are driving

The District Convention of the Knights of Pythias was held last week centrated in the Far East, said the at Music Hall and was attended by This district. No. 10, is composed of said, but the means of transportation the following: Damon, No. 4, Pendlemotives and 2000 cars beyond the 74, Helix; Hercules, No. 71, Milton; Tomax, No. 93, Adams.

> Independence,-Krebbs Bros., who purchased the Henderson-Murphy farm, have placed a large crew of men on the place and state they will place al of the available land into hops. It is thought that something over 500 acres will be so planted. They will build a number of hophouses and other buildings, and will use probably nearly 1,000,000 feet of lumber their improvements.

Record of Second Oregon Volunteers Salem,-The State Printer has completed and delivered to Adjutant-General Finzer the 1440 additional copies of the official record of Second Oregon Volunteers. The Adjutant-General will supply one copy of the book to each member of the Second Oregon, free of charge.

Gain of 100 Pupils. Pentdleton,-Secretary Hailey the Pendleton school district will file his census with the county superintendent in a few days. It shows a prime, 24@25c. gain of 100 pupils over last year, there

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

POWER FROM MORGAN LAKE. La Grande May Soon Have Suburban

Electric Lines. La Grande.-Morgan Lake, situated gration to Oregon this spring from the about two miles above La Grande, has Middle Western States, of a nature been thoroughly tested as to the development of the timber resources be obtained from it. The power will of the sate. C. H. Stewart of Albany, be used for different important things

heir applications reinstated. their plan was entirely feasible and A number of people in the Middle practicable. The plans call for a frac-Western States are included in the tion over two miles of pipe and the tions. These people have been com-municated with by Mr. Stewart, and ervoir when filled will contain water port. In other words, when the lake is filled During the course of the corres- it will contain enough water to sup-

LAWS TO BE VOTED UPON.

Printed Pamphlets of Direct Primary and Local Option Measures.

Salem.-Secretary of State Dunbar has received from the State Printer the first copies of the pamphlets conin Oregon, and are conversant with taining the full text of the direct pri-the conditions here. They will come mary law and the local option law. which will be voted upon by the people on June 6.

Ninety thousand copies of each pamphlet will be printed. The printer has already turned out 30,000 copies of the local option law, and 60,000 copies of the direct primary law. The former fins 20 pages and the latter 52 pages. In a few days the Secretary of State will distribute these pamphlets to the several counties in sufficient quantities so that each voter may have one,

Portland, March 25,

Republican

Coming Events. State Convention, Knights of the Maccabees, Portland, March 22. Recorders and Auditors,

Republican primaries, April 2. Republican County Conventions April 7. Republican Convention, First Con ressional District, Salem, April 13.

Convention, second District, Portland, Congressioned April 13. Republican State Convention, Portland, April 14. Democratic Convention, Multnomah

Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Portland, April 16. Democratic State Convention, Portland. April 19.

Dog Show, Portland, April 20-22. University of Oregon-Pacific University debate, Forest Grove, April 22. Annual reunion Department of Ore con, G. A. R., Hood River, June 15-17.

Wheat Prospect is Flattering. Pendleton,-"I do not think I have ever seen the wheat outlook so good at this time of the year as it is now between Pendleton and Athena." said Representative W. M. Blakely recently. Mr. Blakely, who is ex-sheriff of Umatilla county, owns a fine Mr. Blakely, who is tract of wheat land at Eastland. grain is very strongly rooted, and in this respect has a splendid start. The acreage on the reservation and around Adams, Athena and Helix is about all

n, though the good conditions may induce a few farmers to sow more.'

PORTLAND MARKETS. Wheat-Walla Walla, 77c: bluestem, 81c; Valley, 82c. Barley—Feed, \$21@22 perewing, \$22; rolled, \$24@25. Flour-Valley, \$3.90@3.95 per rel; hard wheat straight, \$4@4.20; clears, \$3.85@4; hard wheat patents, \$4@4.20; clears, \$3.85@4; hard wheat patents, \$4.40@4.60; graham, \$3.50@3.90; whole wheat, \$3.65@4.05; rye flour, \$4.50@4.75.

Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.171/2@1.20; gray, \$1.10@1.15 per cental. Millstuffs—Bran, \$18@19 per ton; middlings, \$24.50@26; short, \$19@20; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19. Hay-Timothy, \$15@17 per clover, \$11@12; grain, \$12@13; cheat,

Vegetables-Turnips, 80c per sack; carrots, 80c; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1; cabbage, 1% @2c; red cabbage, 2c; lettuce, head, 25@40c per dozen; hot-300 delegates and visiting Knights. house, \$2 per box; parsley, per dozen, This district, No. 10, is composed of 25c; tomatoes, \$1.50@1.75 per crate; cauliflower, 75c@\$1 per dozen; celery, ton; Pythian, No. 29, Athena; Steph- 65@80c per dozen; squash, 1½c per ens, No. 49, Weston; Pleiades, No. pound; cucumbers, \$1.75@2.25 per dozen; onions, yellow Danvers, \$2@

2.25 per sack, growers' price. Honey-\$3@3.50 per case. Potatoes-Fancy, 90c@\$1. per cental; common, 60c@80c, growers' price; sweets, 2½c in sacks; 2%c

crated Fruits—Apples, fancy, Baldwins and Spitzenbergs, \$1.50@2.25 per box; choice, \$1@1.50; cooking, 75c Butter-Sweet cream butter, 30c per pound; fancy creamery, 271/2 @ 30c; choice creamery, 25c; dairy and

our cream, 26½c. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 12½@ 13c per pound; springs, small 15@ hens, 13@131/2c; turkeys, 15@16c per pound: dressed, 18@20c; ducks, \$8@9 per dozen; geese, live,

store, nominal.

Cheese-Full cream, twins, 13@14c; Young America, 15c. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 17@18c. Beef-Dressed, 5@7c per pound. Mutton—Dressed, 6@7½c; lambs, 8c Veal—Dressed, 6½@9c. Pork-Dressed, 71/2c.

gon, 12@15c; mohair, 32@35c.

FLEET SHUT OUT.

Ships Cannot Return to Vladivostok.

London, March 9.-The Japanese egation here has received no official information regarding the bombardment of Vladivostok. It is believed at the legation, however, that the Japanese are now between the Russian Cruiser squadron and Vladivostok, and there is reason to believe that the Russian squadron is in the vicinity of Possiet Bay.

Russian official dispatches do not mention this squadron, and this fact lends color to the belief that the Japanese warships have shut it out of Vladivostok. It is pointed out at the Legation that if this is true, the Russian vessels are in a critical position, since they must run the gauntlet of the Japanese squadron off Vladivostok or the Japanese squadron off Port Arthur, before reaching a Russion

In a dispatch from St. Petersburg a correspondent of the Standard gives a rumor that the Czar has received a telegram to the effect that the Japanese fleet bombarded Vladivostok all day Monday. According to this rumor only trivial damage was inflicted to the Russians, but one or two Japan-

ese cruisers were sunk. There is much curiosity here cerning the resisting power of Vlad-lyostok, which has been long regarded as the Gibraltar of the Far East. Vladivostok is known to be better equipped as a naval base, and to have greater docking and repairing sources than Port Arthur, but doubts are expressed as to the character of its defenses. Russia has been settled there for 40 years, and it is quently considered propable that the lefenses and guns at this place are of a somewhat obsolete character.

It is understood that during the past few years all the available new guns and war material which it was possible to send over the single-line Trans-Siberian railroad have been ised for the strengthening of Port Arthur and points in Manchuria, leaving Vladivostok with old-type guns of short range. It is reported that Vladvostok is ill-supplied with provisions and necessaries.

Dispatches from Tokio this morning speak of the sacrifices being made by the Japanese nation. According to the Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Tokio, the Mikado s abandoning all luxuries, the court following his example, and all are going to live abstemiously until the war

is ended.

HOPE IS ON LAND. Russia Considers That the War Has Hardly Begun.

St. Petersburg, March 8 .- Although almost four weeks have elapsed since the Japanese fleet first attac Arthur, here the war is considered hardly begun. Heavy land fighting. upon which the fate of the campaign depends, is not expected much before the end of April. By this time Russia will have in the field, exclusive of the large army of men required to guard the railroads, four army corps, each with a cavalry division and an artillery brigade. All that has happened so far, or is going to happen until these forces are in the field, is considered, according to the Russian view, to be nothing more than the

prologue to the real drama. The crippling of the Port Arthur fleet was unfortunate in that it gave the enemy the command of the sea at the very outset. It is, however, of relatively small importance from the standpoint of the main strategy of the war, whether Port Arthur stands or falls. But as long as it holds out, and the fleet is harbored there, it will constitute a potential menace which will restrict and hamper Japan's operations, and the Russians are determined to defend Port Arthur as horoically as they did Sevastopol. No large garrisons will be retained there; 10,000 men are as good as 100,000 for defense, while the more men the more mouths to feed. There are enough provisions there now to last for eight months. In addition, there will be a division of Cossacks with mountain batteries on the peninsula to oppose landings and harass the enemy if it succeeds in investing the city.

Flood Peril Is Passed.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 9.-The Juniata and Susquehanna rivers have been falling all day and Weather Observer Demain said tonight that they will continue to fall for 24 hours. The gorges above and below Harrisburg movement in the Susquehanna river since the break of yesterday and in the gorge at High Spire. The conditions in the flooded district show an improvement over yesterday and unless there is a sudden rise in the river, it is thought the worst is over.

France Can Take No Offense.

Paris, March 9.-It is not expected that Japan's intention to build the Seoul-Wiju railroad will cause any serious clash with the owners of the early French concessions. The original concesion was granted to a French company in 1896. A considerable portion of the line has already been laid under French auspices and it is understood that Foreign Minister Delcasse has sought to protect French interests rights of the Panama Canal Company

Railroad May Sell Lands. Washington, March 9.-The senate

today passed Senator Foster's bill authorizing the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to sell surplus lands within its right of way when it has no use for the same, and confirming sales of such lands heretofore made Wool-Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oreby this company.