## **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.

country about Antung.

Chinampo to Ping Yang

Floods following the gale in the vicinity of Chicago caused heavy property

Almost all of the Panama troops have been disbanded. Only one battalion is now under the colors. Much property was destroyed and

near Fort Smith, Ark. United States, Minister Dudley reports that bubonic plague has broken

out in three ports in Peru. railroad lobby is back of the move to Rogers Park and Thornton.

repeal the present land laws. The dowager empress of China has rejected the proposals of generals to

make an open alliance with Japan. shows that Russian troops began crossing into Corea four days before Japan

made her first attack on Port Arthur Colorado military is again deporting

Newell is anxious that irriggation works be begun in Oregon.

The house has again voted against an investigation of the postoffice depart-

ma canal matter. The Japanese have effectively block-

Russia denies that one of her war

contact with a floating mine. Damaged Russian warships are said

the transportation of troops across Lake Baikel. The senate has passed the Indian ap

propriation bill carrying funds for the Chemawa school and decides that Alaskan students may enroll there.

The isthmian canal commission has begun its preliminary work.

The house has turned down the amendment to give Bristow less power.

The Japanese advance toward Ping Yang is more rapid than the Russians

The trial of Senator Burton, of Kansas, on the charge of selling his influence, is begun.

Japan believes foreign advisers to Corea are giving Russia information The military funeral of the Duke of

Cambridge was the most impressive since the Duke of Wellington died.

rection and has ordered out troops, E. E. Calvin is said to be slated for

president of the O. R. & N. and A. L. Mobler is to get a high position with the Union Pacific. The Northern Secutities company has

sent out a circular saying the directors have decided to distribute the stock and gives future plans.

The report that Port Arthur had fallfounded. Three attacks were made but dent may designate General Davis as ing. That is the condition that exists en into the hands of the Japs was uneach time the enemy was repulsed.

The second trial of Mrs. Botkin has opened in San Francisco.

Bristow declares that he did not regard Beavers as an honest man.

Baron De Rosen, ex-minister of Japan, declares that the cabinet was dragged into the war.

censure was defeated. Henry Norman, a member of the British parliament, declares that the aristocracy. conhtrol of China is the real issue of

the Japanese Russian war. tion for that s hool \$8,000

of Florida, be ousted.

An amendment has been attached to the Indian appropriation bill to pay the Klamath Indians \$537,007, in settlement of their claims against the gov

Andrew Carnegie has given another \$5,000,000 for educational purposes.

ed at San Diego, California.

Chicago and Suburbs are Swept by Fierce Wind Storm.

Chicago, March 26 .- One of the most severe storms this city has known in many years passed over Chicago to night. Great damage was done in the suburbs. The storm did not strike the business portion of the city in its greatest force

The town of Indiana harbor, 20 miles southeast of Chicago, was the heaviest people who were in his store when the China has been given new assurances proximate 25. All three of the hotels instead of a comma. that Russia will disarm the gunboat in the place were badly damaged. One two story frame building was entirely turned over.

At Hammond, Ind., a number of people were injured, but not fatally. One end of the large plant of the Re- Ply to all the items of property enum several persons injured in a tornado public Iron & Steel company was blown down, causing a loss of \$25,000. A number of business houses were unroofed.

To the north of the city the storm was also severe, much damage having ial session of 1903, provides that the

An exceedingly heavy fall of rain accompanied the storm.

In Thornton a frame dwelling was down into a stone quarry and reduced to kindling wood. One man was fatally A report to the Corean government hurt and several other persons were severely injured.

CHINA KILLS IT.

Exclusion Act Will Expire on the 27th of Next December.

Russia believes that Japan intends 27 next, unless replaced by another only such amount as the total of such and the trees are considered beyond the six months before the expiration of a exempt from taxation." aded Port Arthur, sinking seven vessels est efforts to the contrary on the part case, decided last July, the supreme vessels was blown up by coming in have continued in force for another meaning of the legislature. But in

to have been repaired with such haste Pekin authorities through Mr Conger tion act shows that the punctuation that it was very probable that, so far was erroneous. Russia has bought a wireless tele- from bettering the conditions relating graph system and will use it in connec- to the admission of Chinese into the nited States any new treaty would all of approval by the senate. The Eastern Market Has Been Supplied at hinese would thus be exposed, in the absence of the sheltering treaty, to the full rigor of the Geary and Heinz law. and the exclusion would be much more

omplete than at present. proceed with a formulation of a new treaty, which has already been initiatof senatorial approval.

## HEADQUARTERS AT PANAMA.

Canal Commission Settles Two Important Points.

Governor Peabody declares Telluride although an office will probably be bought from an Oregon firm at 4 1/2 80c; valley, 81c. county, Colo., to be in a state of insur- maintained here. The other point is cents in 25 pound boxes. These prunes their private interests.

> the commission, and General Davis, the "How did the jobber get them their entire time to the canal work.

gress provides for the appointment of a son-as long as last July, jobbers were governor of the American zone on the selling Oregon and California prunes. isthmus. If it should be enacted into Dealers bought early and when they law, it is quite probable that the presi- had all they wanted they stopped buythe governor of the canal strip.

situation here remains quiet it is not competition with 1904 prunes." expected that Vladivostok will continue to be much longer free from the vigorous operations of the Japanese. In anticipation of the appearance of the enemy, and of a possible siege, a ladies' circle has been formed, which sits six hood is making arrangements to join \$2.32.50 per sack. warm debate over the admission of Chinese into the Transvaal, but vote of censure was defeated.

When the debate over the admission of preparing bandages of linen for sick solutions and defeated.

The price as established here for shearin Yladivostok belong to this circle, themselves and 7 cents with board. including the representatives of the The latter arrangement prevails here

Express Satisfaction at His Death.

Washington, March 26 .- Secretary The senate committee on Indian Taft and the officials of the war deaffairs, in reporting the Indian appro- partment openly expressed their gratipriation bill, cut off the provision for fication at the news of the death of Maincreasing the capacity of the Chema- cario Sakay, the so called president of wa school. This reduces the appropria- the Philippine republic. Sakay secured mation and fled to the mountains with present time, and the closed season is 13c per pound; springs, small, 16@17c; recommend that Federal Judge Swayne, of Florida, be ousted.

mation and fied to the mountains with being observed more closely than for hens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 15@18c several years. Deputy Fish Commissione has made much trouble by attacking small villages and unprotected ex-

American Consul Going to Post.

London, March 26 .- A correspondent of the Times at Shanghai says United States Consul Davidson will start for his post at Antung next week, and that he has arranged with the Japanese An immense steel plant will be erect- naval authorities to assist his vessel to reach its destination

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

FLAW IN EXEMPTION LAW.

Use of a Semi-Colon Leaves Meaning of Phrase in Doubt.

sufferer. L. Barker, the proprietor of found in the tax exemption act passed by the legislature at its special session. Russians are strongly fortifying the storm struck were injured, some of While there is no uncertainty as to the tion with the object of trying to obtain them seriously, although none is ex- intent of the framer of the bill, the a better lumber freight rate from the Japanese continue to rush forces from pected to die. Barker's store was entirely demolished. Eighteen residences question whether there is any limit to is is demoralizing the lumber industry in this valley and if a better rate canpeople were hurt in the ruins of their the value of household goods that may in this valley and if a better rate cannot be obtained many of the mills will nomes. The number of people injured be claimed as exempt. The doubt be forced out of business. at Indiana Harbor will probably apparises from the use of the semi-colon A committee was appointed to draft

Representative Shelley, of Lane county, father of the bill, was communicated with in regard to it, and reresidences were badly damaged, and two people were injured, but not fatally limitation on the exemption should aperated. In other words, that the \$300 exemption might be made up from any or all the items mentioned. The question is whether this intention can be ascertained from the language used.

Senator Hanford declares that the been done in the suburbs of Evanston, following property shall be exempt

from taxation: utensils; two cows ten sheep, five swine utensils; two cows ten sheep, five swine of arid land. The Three Sisters comand the tools, implements, apparatus, team, vehicle, harness or library neces- pany has a tract of 27,000 acres. sary to enable any person to carry on his trade, occupation or profession by which such person earns his or her living to the amount of three hundred (\$300) dollars, the articles to be select- district, states that the fruit prospects Washington, March 26 .- The state ed by such householder; provided, for this district are excellent for all va-

with the treaty, it is required to de- marks are not controlling in construing known. ounce it. This is the action which an act for the purpose of ascertaining China has taken, in spite of the strong. its meaning. In the port of Portland of the state department. Had the court changed the location of punctuameaning was otherwise clear. It is not

NO DEMAND FOR PRUNES.

Very Low Figure.

Salem-"The prune situation in the East didn't look good to me," said However, the treaty having been de- from a recent trip to Iowa. Mr. Cunn- resignation. The resignation of Westnounced, there is nothing to do but to ingham is a well-known prune grower gate makes the fourth change in the of the Liberty neighborhood. After ed in a way, although with little hope waiting all winter for an opportunity to sell his crop at what he considered a fair price, he took a carload of fruit back to Iowa to sell it there himself.

and I don't see any reason to believe age company, of Tacoma, four carloads that it will improve any this season," Washington, March 26 .- Two im- he continued in answer to inquiries. the will remain here until April 15 and the \$750,900 asked for. portant points have been developed in "The fact is that the trade is already are destined for Nome. ennection with the work of the isth- supplied. Everywhere I went I found mian canal commission. One is that that dealers have all the prunes they the headquarters of the commission want and most of it was bought at probably will be on the Isthmus of pretty low prices. I found a jobber Panama instead of at Washington, supplied with Oregon prunes that he that a part of the time of at least five he will sell to the retail dealer at 5 % of the commissioners will be devoted to to 6 cents and the retailers will sell them to consumers at 814 cents, or

Admiral Walker, the chairman of three pounds for a quarter. them, and others bought at the same Legislation now pending before con- figure. I learned that early in the sea-

more are wanted. It looks to me as \$11@12. though we will have a considerable Vladivostok, March 26.—While the quantity of carry over stock to sell in carrots, 80c; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1

Sheep Losing Their Fleece.

Echo-Sheep shearing is now in full this year. As this is a forward spring Spitzenbergs, \$1.50@2.25 per box; in the Umatilla valley, sheep shearing choice, \$1@1.50; cooking, 75c. will have to be rushed to get it out of the way before having begins, which is ast approaching.

Not Much Illegal Pishing.

Astoria-So far as can be ascertained there is very little if any illegal fishing being done on the Columbia at the sioner Burton, of Washington, with ducks, \$8@9 per doz.
Deputy F. B. Lippincott, of the Puget Cheese—Full cream sound district, are patrolling the river, Young America, 14@15c. but the Oregon officers are not out, although they are watching the shore to see that no fish are deilvered.

Echo-A large lot of sugar beet seed prime, 24c. busily engaged in preparing the ground. Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 32@35c;

BETTER LUMBER PATE WANTED

Cottage Grove Citizens Inaugurate Movement Affecting Southern.

Cottage Grove-A meeting of the ousiness men of this place was held at the city hall last week for the purpose

some line of procedure and after much discussion the meeting adjourned to meet again Tuesday night. If the recommendations of the committee will be adopted all Western Oregon will be drawn into the matter in question.

Far-Reaching Irrigation Rules. Salem-The proposed irrigation rules which were recently sudbmitted to the state land board for approval are designed to apply to all the irrigation projects in the Deschutes country. The rules were proposed by both the Deschutes irriagtion and power company and the Three Sisters irrigation "The following property, if owned by a householder and in actual use, or absorbed the Pilot Butte development emopany. The former company has kept for use, by and for his or her fam- company and the Oregon irrigation ily; household goods, furniture and company and acquired other interest

Grand Ronde Fruit Outlook. La Grande-Judd Geer, horticulturist my's attack. commissioner for the Eastern Oregon lepartment has received formal notice however, that when the assessed valua- rieties, and that the weather conditions from the Chinese government denounc- tion of the personal property above have been very favorable for fruit. ng the Chinese exclusion treaty, so this enumerated shall amount to less than Budding has been kept back to an exenvention will expire about December three hundred (\$300) dollars, then tent on account of the cool weather,

Favorable Report on Rural Route. Oregon City-E. C. Clement, special inspector for the government for rural notice not been served, the treaty would tion marks in order to arrive at the free delivery mail routes, has inspected and favorably reported on a third route term of ten years from December 27, that case the court found that the to be operated from the Oregon City postoffice. The route was inspected exhibit. The department pointed out to the certain that the language of the exemp- after a largely signed petition having been forwarded to the government auwith Beaver Creek, Scheubel, Carus

Salem-G. A. Westgate, of Albany, has tendered to the governor his resignation as a member of the state fair Bruce Cunningham upon his return board. No reason was given for the personnel of the board in the last few months, and but one experienced member remains.

Cattle Sold for Nome.

Echo-R. N. Stanfield has sold to "The prune market doesn't look good Mr. Cox, agent for the Pacific cold storof his heaviest beef steers. These cat- they will increase the appropriation to

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 75c; bluestem, Barley-Feed, \$21@22 per ton; brew-

ing, \$22.50; rolled, \$24@25. Flour-Valley, \$3.90@3.95 per barrel; hard wheat straights, \$4@4.20; clears, \$3.85@4; hard wheat patents,

flour, \$4.50@4.90. Oats-No 1 white, \$1.15@1.20; gray, \$1.10@1.15 per cental.

Millstuffs-Bran, \$18@19 per middlings, \$24.50@26; shorts, \$19@ Hay-Timothy, \$15@16 per ton;

Vegetables-Turnips, 80c per sack; cabbage, 1% 22c; lettuce, head, 25@ 40c per doz; parsley, 25c; tomatoes, \$1.50@1.75 per crate; cauliflower, 75c @\$1 per doz; celery, 65@80c; squash, swing in the Echo country, and almost every ablebedied man in the neighborhood is making arrangements to join

Honey-\$3@3.50 per case. Potatoes-Fancy, 90c@\$1 per cental; common, 60@80c; new potatoes, 3%c per lb; sweets, 5c per lb. Fruits-Apples, fancy, Baldwins and

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 16 %c. Butter-Sweet cream butter, 30c per lb; fancy creamery, 25@271/c; choice creamery, 23@24c; dairy and store,

Butter Fat-Sweet cream, 28160 sour cream, 26 1/2 c. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, 1216@

Beef-Dressed, 5@7 1/2 per pound. Mutton-Dressed, 6@7c; lambs, 8c Veal-Dressed, 7@Sc. Pork-Dressed, 7@7%c.

Cheese-Full cream, twins, 12@13c

Hops - Choice, 25c per has been received here and planters are Wool — Valley, 17@18c; Eastern JAPS DRIVEN OFF.

Admiral Togo's Entire Ficet Bombards Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, March 24.-Another attack by the Japanese fleet on Port Arthur, beginning with operations by torpedo boats and ending with a bombardment by battleships and cruisers, took place after midnight Monday.

The emperor received the first message regarding the attack late this afternoon, but nothing was allowed to reach the public until 10 o'clock.

All information which has reached St. Petersburg shows that the defenders of Port Arthur had taken seriously pedo boats at the beginning of the war, 000 for continuing the improvement of its professions regarding neutrality to and were now maintaining a sharp the Columbia river between The Dalles Paul Lessar, the Russian minister, and

Admiral Togo brought his battleships not being depended upon. the first official dispatches were re- creasing the appropriation for The the censent of Japan, against Russia, ceived the belief gained ground that Dalles canal to at least \$300,000. Vice Admiral Makaroff had put to sea ness which might develop in the ene- park.

AID TO '05 FAIR.

The House Committee Decides on an Appropriation of \$475,000.

Washington, March 24 .- A substiute for the senate Lewis and Clark to land a force in China on neutral treaty by that date. Under its terms propertty herein enumreated shall be danger line as far as frost or freezing ic bill, carrying an aggregate appropriaconcerned. Mr. Geer looks forward to tion of \$475,000, was today ordered re-The public minister of France decides that Colombia has no case in the Pana-The provisions of the bill are \$200,-000 for a government exhibit, includ ing forestry and irrigation exhibits; \$250,000 for government buildings, which will include in addition to the regular government exhibit, the Philippine, Alaska, Hawaiian and Oriental exhibits, and \$25,000 for the Alaskan

The bill provides that the plans for the government buildings shall be prebeen forwarded to the government authorities asking that the route be established. The new route will dispense the supervising architect of the treasury and the buildings erected the treasury and the buildings erected the treasury and the buildings erected seven months ending with January, the grounds and lighting is included in 250,000 gold dollars to be used as souv-

Chairman Tawney, of Minnesota, who has the bill in charge, will report it, and no reference will be made to Sunday closing.

The senate will refuse to accept this substitute bill after it is passed by the house, and this will cause it to be sent to conference. As all the conferees-Senators Burnham, Hansbrough and Daniel, and Representatives Tawney, Sherman and Bartlett-are strongly in favor of the Lewis and Clark exposition, there is good reason to believe

War Funds are Assured. Tokio, March 24.-The Diet has adopted resolutions thanking the navy in the name of the nation for the several successes that have resulted since the beginning of the war. It is apnounced by the leaders of both political parties that they are in complete accord with the program for raising the revenue needed for the conduct of the war. The compromise whereby the the commission, and General Davis, the army member of the body, will devote cheap? That beats me; but he had flow \$4.40@4.60; graham, \$3.50@3.90; rye tax on land has been reduced and that proposed on salt and silk stuffs is eliminated from the bill has disarmed the opposition, and the revenue bill will likely be passed without a dissenting vote. The total amount affected by 20; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19. the changes is about \$5,000,000. It is said that the bill as finally passed will land officers, the bill pending in con--the market has been supplied and no clover, \$10@11; grain, \$11@12; cheat, provide that the increased tax shall be provide that the increased tax shall be levied for one year, and not five, as Nome district shall act as register and was at first supposed.

Yankee Deffes China.

San Francisco, March 24.-Officers of the steamer Coptic, just arrived, saw the Russian gunboat Mandjur lying in the river at Shanghai, and retain Carter emphatically refused, and invited somebody to make him move. At last accounts he was still at Shanghai with his gunboat. A Japanese gunboat and a cruiser flying the same

there that Captain Reitzenstein's Vlad- Constantinople, the porte and the Auswith them to Vladivostok. The Rus- that it will not be long before the resian general staff, estimates that the number of Japanese troops landed in Corea does not exceed 75,000.

Russians Prepare for Slege.

St. Petersburg, March 24.-The Rus sians are continuing preparations for a prospective siege of Port Arthur by that point.

MONEY TO CANAL

THE DALLES PROJECT IS IN SUN-DRY CIVIL BILL.

Amount Is \$100,000-Shows 7hat Con-

to heart the coup of the Japanese tor- the Pacific Northwest, namely, \$100,- The Pekin government has reiterated The Japanese torpedo boats were priation is carried in the sundry civil to his questions regarding the move twice discovered sneaking toward the bill establishes beyond question the fact ment of Chinese troops north of the harbor entrance under cover of dark- that congress has adopted The Dalles great wall. The natives manifest a ness, but both times they were detected project as a continuing contract, and far out at ses, and were driven off by that necessary appropriations for car- the beginning of the war, but the Rusthe hot fire opened on them. The rying on and completing the work will sians know the Oriental character as no breaking of day necessarily prevented hereafter be made annually in the sun- other Europeans do. They know how further torpedo boat operations, but dry civil bill, a river and harbor bill

and cruisers up. The division of his Unfortunately, the bill makes no apthe Russians is their strong arm. fleet was for the purpose of making a propriation for carrying on work at the The recent naval success of the Jap cross fire upon the harbor in the hope mouth of the Columbia river but the of destroying the town and of damag- senators will endeavor to attach an Chinese, but if the Russians should ing the Russian ships lying in the amendment appropriating \$500,000 for basin, or at least demoralizing the per- this project \$625,000 for the Columbia land the Chinese might suddenly be sonnel of the defending force. When and Willamette below Portland, an in- aroused, with the connivance or even

and that a naval fight had taken place. for rent of temporary quarters for the appreciation of the supreme importance Later advices established the fact that Portland postoffice and for the courts; of the first land battle, and no fighting the admiral had simply gone with the \$100,000 additional for the Seattle pub- on a large scale will take place, if it undamaged portion of his fleet to the lic building; \$120,000 to commence possibly can be avoided, until the Rus outer roads, where he could more effec- construction of the public building at sians feel morally certain that they can tively support the batteries, and at the Spokane, \$40,000 for the Tacoma buildsame time take advantage of any weak- ing, and \$3,000 for Crater lake national

HAWAII IS BEST CUSTOMER.

American Trade With Noncontiguous Territory.

Washington, March 28 .- Commerce of the United States with its noncontiguous territory now averages about \$8,000,000 per month, and it is apparent that for the full fiscal year it will aggregate a round \$100,000,000. In the term "noncontiguous territory" are included Alaska, the Hawaiian islands, the Philippine islands, Guam, Tutuila and Porto Rico. Records of their shipments to the ports of the United States and of shipments from the various ports to them are now regularly presented by the department of commerce and labor, through its bureau of statis-

These records show that the shipments from the United States to Alaska, under contract. The cost of preparing 1904, nearly \$21,000,000, and the merchandise received from them in the appropriation for buildings, and the same period, nearly \$31,000,000. authority is granted for the coinage of If to this is added the gold bullion received from Alaska, the grand total of our commerce with the territory in question for the seven months ending with January would amount to nearly \$60,000,000, which makes it quite apparent that for the fiscal year ending with June 30 next, the total will be

fully \$100,000,000. Of the shipments to these noncontiugous territories, the largest total for the seven months under consideration is to Hawaii, \$7,224,156 worth of domestic merchandise and of foreign mer-

chandise, \$52,677. FAVORS TWO LAND DISTRICTS.

Interior Department Gives Its Approva

to Alaskan Bill. Washington, March 28 .- The interior department is heartily in favor of the escaped by swimming when the boat creation of the two land districts in sank and succeeded in keeping affoat Alaska with headquarters at Nome. The passage of a bill for this purpose is recommended by Secretary Hitchcock and by Commissioner Richards, of the pedo boat Doshitelny, which in the general land office, their recommendation being based upon a report made by James W. Witten, after an investigation of land conidtions in Alaska. The department believes that Nome is the proper location for a land office in Northern Alaska, as it is apparently a permanent city and the center of an active mining district. Instead of plac- Society leaders are figuering in the ing this office in charge of regular the clerk of the court as receiver of the Nome land office.

Those With Food Can Stay.

St. Petersburg, March 28.-Proclamations issued by General Voronetz, who is in command at Vladivostok, have port that her commander is a Captain been received at St Petersburg. They Carter, born in the United States, but urge the people at Vladivostok to rea Russian by naturalization. When main, but add that only those will be al- ing arrived in a wretched condition. ordered to leave Chinese waters, Cap- lowed to stay who have 432 pounds of flour and 108 pounds of buckwheat, that hereafter the men will arrive at enough to last eight months. All Chinese and Coreans who are without occupation have been ordered to depart. Persons who start untrue and alarming

vostok squadron has been ordered to tro-Hungarian authorities have reached added that the Filipinos showed themovertake at a certain point in the Pa- an agreement in regard to the organiza- selves adepts in political methods, and effe the battlship and two cruiesrs tion of the Macedonian gendarmie un- in some respects better than the people bought from Chile by Japan and return | der European officers, so it is believed of the United States. form scheme for Macedonia is recognized by the emperors of Roumania and Austria at their meeting at Muersted trous prairie fires have swept the Styrim.

No Sickness Among the Russians. rushing large quantities of supplies to al staff that there is no sickness among the Russian troops.

DEPENDS ON FIRST LAND BATTLE.

Russia Belleves That It Will Decide Whether China Remains Neutral.

St. Petersburg, March 23 .- In government circles there exists a strong belief that the question as to whether China will observe her neutrality will depend largely upon the result of the gress Adopts Work as Continuing ory by the Russian army, it is believed, Contract - Senators Will Introduce will insure the acquiescence of the Ce-Amendment Making Appropriation of lestial empire, but there are grave lears as to what might happen in the event of a signal Japanese success in the early stages of the land operations. For the Washington, March 28 .- The sundry time being the situation appears to be civil bill reported to the house today satisfactory, and it is certainly much contains but one important item for better than it was three weeks ago. and Celilo. The fact that this appro- has given him fair assurance in answer friendlier disposition than they did at deep seated is the hatred for foreigners in China, and that the only prestige of

anese has not greatly impressed the sustain a really disastrous defeat on and perhaps against all foreigners. The sundry civil bill carries \$24,000 Russia's present plans are based on the deal the enemy a crushing blow.

WIND LIFTS ROOF.

Tornado Wrecks Fifty Buildings in a Missouri Town.

Higginsville, Mo., March 23 .- Fifty ouildings are partly wrecked, one man is mortally injured and several others hurt, the town is in darkness, and the streets strewn with debris as the result of a tornado and hailstorm, which struck this place late this afternoon. The hail on the streets was a foot deep within five minutes after the storm came, and some of the hailstones were very large. Dozens of trees in the town were blown down and several horses were killed in the street.

The storm came without warning. The wind and hail came first and were followed by a terrific downpour of rain which flooded nearly every cellar in the town. The storm came from the west. It kept within a narrow path, at least the tornado portion, only about two blocks of the business portion of the town being damaged. Two other towns in this section were

cording to meagre reports that are received here tonight several houses in both places have been wrecked, but the exact extent of the damage is not known.

in the path of the storm, and both have

populations of from 500 to 600. Ac-

A grocery store in the business part of this place was wrecked by the storm. John Dolphen, a clerk, was mortally injured.

More than 50 houses were unroofed.

ICON TO SHED SHOTS.

Sacred Relic Sent to Russian Torpedo Boat Destroyer. St. Petersburg, March 23 .- Vice Admiral Makaroff has reported the miraculous escape of four sailors from the torpedo boat destroyer Stereguschtchi, which foundered during the naval battle off Port Arthur March 9. The men

until picked up. The metropolitan archbishop of St. Petersbrg has sent an icon to the torconflict of March 9 managed to elude the Japanese fire This icon, it is believed, will safeguard the boat from

further harm. Prince Abemlik Lazareff, a descendant of the Armenian kings, is giving a series of fetes for the benefit of the Red Cross society at his historic mansion. danges at the fetes.

Harbin, March 23 .- Only 33 military trains have reached here since war was declared and not less than half of these brought ammunition and provisions. Of the 20,000 troops landed here during the last four days, 4,000 have been sent to Port Arthur, Niu Chwang and Mukden, while 2,000 have been sent to Vladivostok. Of the rest, the greater part are on sick leave, hav-It is stated by the commanding officer the rate of a thousand a day.

Filipinos Are Good Politicians.

Washington, March 23 .- Secretary Russia to Seize Battleships.

Paris, March 24.—The Echo de Paris correspondent at St. Petersburg says it is rumored in naval circles there that Captain Reitzenstein's Viale Constitution of the constitution of the dispatches received today from the Captain Reitzenstein's Viale Constitution of the constitut est was manifested in the results. He

Range Fire Burns Buildings.

Hemingford, Neb. March 23 .- Disasrange country. One str.p burned is six by 12 miles, another more than 20 Ne Sickness Among the Russians.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—General Ranch sheds, barns, groves on timber Linevitch has telegraphed to the gener- claims and property along the railroad has been destroyed. Several narrow escapes are reported from the ranches.