GOOD ROADS FOR LANE.

F. M. Wilkins secretary.

address, as did a number of others.

seturns for the money annually ex-

pended for road improvement. The as-

sociation declared itself in support of

the Brownlow good roads bill now be-

fore congress and will use its influence

Timbermen Must Pay Taxes.

fused, although the sheriff said he

reduction, although the chances of

Fish Price Will Be the Same.

Astoria-Judging from present indi-

cations the opening price of fish the

coming season will be the same as dur-

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Flour-Valley, \$3.90@3.95 per bar-

rel; hard wheat straights, \$4@4.20;

\$4.40@4.60; graham, \$3.50@3.90;

whole wheat, \$3.65@4.05; rye flour,

Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.15@1.1716;

middlings, \$24.50@26; shorts, \$19@

Hay-Timothy, \$15@16 per ton;

Butter-Sweet cream butter, 30c per

Butter Fat - Sweet cream, 281/c;

Poultry - Chickens, mixed, 121/4@

13c per pound; springs, small, 16@

Cheese-Full cream, twins, 12@13c

Vegetables-Turnips, 80c per sack;

carrots, 80c; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1;

cabbage, 1%@2c; lettuce, head, 25@

40c per dozen; parsley, 25c; tomatoes,

\$2@2.25 per crate; cauliflower, 75c@

2c per pound; cucumbers, \$1.75@2.25

Yellow Danvers, \$2@2.35 per sack.

per pcund; sweets, 5c per pound.

Hops - 1903 crop, 23@25c

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

Veal-Dressed, 7@8c.

Pork-Dressed, 7@71/2c.

Wool-Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Ore

Honey-\$3@3.50 per case.

gray, \$1.10@1.12 per cental.

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 17 1/6c.

cheat, \$11@12.

our cream, 26 1/6c.

dozen; geese, live, 8c.

Young America, 14@15c.

stem, 81c; valley, 81c.

getting a rebate are small.

in its behalf.

# **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.

Japan has finally allowed war correspondents to proceed to the front.

The house has voted down the senate amendment to build a military road in

St. Marys, Oblo, reservoir, one of the

Odessa gave a warm welcome to the Russian survivors of the battle of Russians captured a Japanese steam-

er, seized maps, telegrams, etc., and Semi-official advices give the number

nearly 200,000 Russia is too busy with Japan to fellow or make any objection to British

advance in Thibet. Another attempt has been made on the life of Pope Pius, this time by two

men disguised as clergy. It is reported that Japan affer bom-

barding Vladivostok, dropped a number of floating mines in that vicinity. The three bandits who held up the

Oregon express and killed a messenger got no loot from the wrecked express Rains make the flood situation in In-

diana more grave.

French court decides the Panama canal case against Colombia.

The Botkin murder trial has been re sumed with the ury alleged to have Leading Russian Paper Now Urges as William J. Bryan has been decided

Bennett will contest. I lans of the Jamestown exposition

prove an obstacle in the passage of the Lewis and Clark fair bill.

secure repeal of present laws. F. A. Heinze and superintendents of

The Oregon express was held up at

Copley, Cal., and Express Messenger O'Neill killed. The treasure box was er foreign commanders before the Jap- county was reduced about \$30,000 by carried away.

erans in the soldiers' homes in his state are robbed by the canteen system.

Russia is found, technically, to have fired the first shot of the war.

John Mitchell will come to Colorado to conduct the miners strike.

The Lewis and Clark exposition bill

received a setback in the house. It is estimated that the damage from floods in Michigan will reach \$5,000,-

port for 1903 shows a profit of \$1,359,-Admiral Makaroff is expected to as-

sume the offensive at the first oppor-Foreigners believe martial law at

The Servian government will remove

Many towns in Indiana along the tributaries of the Ohio and Wabash rivers are still suffering from the

Ten deaths are reported as a result Colorado militia has thrown three

miners and two business men in the

French deputies have passed the bill to suppress teaching by religious

A report that the railway merger is seeking refuge in Cuba is a surprise to The Anglo-American league of Lon-

don favors an American-British arbi-The French textile workers' strike is

becoming serious and is liable to involve all of the large factories of the

The flood situation in Michigan is more hopeful, but 14,000 people are An alliance between Russia and

Britain, through France as an intermediary, is again broached.

dam for Wallowa county settlers. The Vladivostok squadron is re ported to have returned to the harbor

with a number of captured Japanese vessels, among them a warship. The captain of a Chinese junk arriving at Wei Hai Wei reports seeing the Russian and Japanese squadrons approaching each other off Port Arthur

and believes a decisive battle has been

is now complete.

# Alleged Prisoner

San Francisco, April 2.-The second trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin on the charge of having caused the death of Mrs. J. P. Dunning by means of poisoned candy virtualy ended in a sensational manner late this afternoon.

tempt was made to br be the fifth one.

oday, Mrs. Botkin's attorney made a this is the coldest weather of the year. passionate speech, disclaiming that largest in the world, is in danger of Mrs. Botkin or any one connected with her case was implicated. He also said present jury. The state's attorney tirely out of feed. Although cattle are concurred in a motion to discharge the generally strong, grave fears are enterby Judge Cook after the jury left the tained.

Chief of Police Wittman testified that one of the jurers had followed him of Russian troops in the Far East as to his office after the noon adjournment vesterday and said that on the previus evening a strange man had called

that he turned down the offer, assert-

y a detective, who saw him secretly much loss yet. meet a woman with whom he talked or several minutes.

Judge Cook declared that the man had violated his duty in talking with anybody about the case.

# Alliance With Britain.

against in contest for \$50,000 in the Vremya today executed a faceabout, Senator Clark, of Wyoming, says jurious to Great Britain than any other

men-of-war at Chemulpo, refused to such a small margin. join in the collective protest of the oth-

tion in the house by declaring that vet. all did not take on board the crews of amount due on account of the of an American ship.

'The Americans wish to convert the Pacific into an American Mediterr- \$40,000 in settlement of various claims. Would that be to the advananean. tage of England? Does England not understand in her blind policy and hatred toward Russia that she is turning this ocean into an Amreican Mediterranean? Sooner or later the European countries will recognize that America is their mutual enemy. Why The Cunard Steamship company's reshould not Russia and England, in view of their possessions outside of Europe, combine?

# Mine in River.

Niu Chwang will cause all save the

# Mine Exploded by a Whale.

# Alabama Clakes a Record.

in firing all classes of guns.

# Will Make Channel for Warships.

Cronstadt, April 2.-The ice-breaker Ermack is bound here from Revel to down and the farmers will cut much of cut a channel for the warships which the fallen timber into cordwood. A are awaiting their armor at the St. thousand cords of fallen timber on The government has offered to ad- Petersburg yards. Lights will be single farms has been reported in a vance money to build an irrigation burned to help the Ermack steer a number of cases. So far as timber is straight course through the ice at concerned, the wind was an advantage night. A correspondent of the Russky to farmers. Viedmosti writes from Port Dalny that the Russian cruiser Boyarin sank two hours after striking the mine there.

## Six of the crew were lost. Request American to Return.

Seoul, April 2 .- The military authorities have requested Brigadier General Henry T. Allen. United States military observer with the Japanese army, to return to Seoul from Ping La Grande, its former site. This peti-Mobilization of the Manchurian army Yang until they are able to provide tion was signed by 2,570 of Union fitting accommodations.

## BRIBES STOP TRIAL.

## Botkin Jurors Approached to Clear the

Acting upon information that four jurors had been bribed to favor the prisoner, Judge Cook ordered the jury into the custody of the sheriff until tomorrow merning, when he will formally dismiss the jury and begin the impaneling of a new one. It is alleged that besides four jurors who are said to have been influenced, an at-

upon him and said: defense and want a fifth; we will give you \$50." The jurer told the chief

'I am no such dirty man. I would ot take \$50 or \$50,000."

# TERMS AMERICA MUTUAL FOE.

St. Petersburg, April 2.-The Novoe strongly supporting the idea of a Russo-British understanding in an editorial entitled "The Blindness of England," n which the paper argues that the success of the Japanese would be more in-

Niu Chwang, April 2 .- The Russians have improvised mines and anchored expected to prevent the Japanese from Russian officials here are disappointed from office all who were implicated in at the news received of the engagement the assassination of the late king and between the Japanese and Russians in the vicinity of the Yalu river. Trustworthy details, however, are still unat-

Valdivostok, April 2 .- One of the mines in Possiet bay has been exploded of the storms in Northwestern Arkan- by a whale. The mangled carcass sub- The horses are declared to be valueless quently was washed ashore. It bore evidence of the destructive qualities of the mines laid by the Russians in expectation of a Japanese landing at

Pensacola, Fla., April 2.-With the arrival here today of the gunboat Newport and Castine from Colon, the largseven battleships, five cruisers, seven question whether the lands were swamp gunboats, five monitors, two torpedoboat destroyers, besides a number of Valley Stock company holds unde The fleet includes more than 25 vessels claim as homesteads. of various classes. The battleship Alabama has established a new world's record for rapidity and accurateness

# HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

## GRANT CATTLE ARE DYING,

## Heavy Snow Falling and Temperature

Drops to Zero. John Day-A snowfall of more than a foot occurred last week in the higher valleys of this county. The storm is quite general, but the fall is not so great in the larger valleys. The temperature fell to 14 below zero at this place. It is almost zero in the colder When the denouement came in court sections. With very few exceptions

In some of the higher valleys the stock situation is decidedly that he would not continue with the serious. Bear valley stockmen are en-

A disquieting rumer has been growing, started by messages over the telephone. In some places, herds being moved to better feeding grounds, have been overtaken by the storm and are now strung along the public roads, "We have secured four jurors for the staggering and falling dead. In one instance the road supervisor found it necessary to give orders to owners to

remove carcasses from the road. Stockmen are grimly whetting their skinning knives, preparing to save the the county, and to work in the direc-Continuing, the chief of police said hides. Only a speedy raise in the tion of securing judicious and scientific that when the juror left the court room temperature can save enormous losses. yesterday afternoon he was shadowed Sheep and horses have not suffered

# BAKER GETTING OUT OF DEBT.

## Economy in Expenditures Brings War-

rants Nearly to Par Baker City-Baker county is fast getting out of debt. Four years ago the

burden was increasing fast. By practicing economy and calling s halt on reckless expenditure, the floating debt has been almost wiped out. At the present rate the entire indebtedland ring boasts of spending money to European nation, and points to the ness will be discharged next year. United States as the common rival of County warrants are now worth 90 both. It describes Japan as "Americents on the dollar, which makes them his mines have paid fires of \$20,000 ca's sharpshooter," and says:

"Remember that nation, in the person of the donar, which makes them practically as good as cash, because inson of the commander of one of its

Last week the indebtedness of the anese destroyed the Variag and Korietz.

"Remember whose flag alone among the payment to Union county of the cents for those weighing 25 pounds or our perishing ships. To the honor of handle" annexation. A portion of endeavoring to reach an agreement England, the ally of Japan, it was not Union county, known as the "Panhan. among themselves to increase the her representative, but the commander die" was annexed to Baker county by weight timit of what are known as the legislature four years ago. Baker county had to pay Union county about pounds, but with little success.

# DISEASED HORSES TO BE SLAIN.

All this debt has now been paid.

Slaughter in Umatilla. Salem-Six hundred horses, afflicted with contagious diseases, will be killed in Morrow county in pursuance of an order made by the domestic animal commission. The horses are owned by Indians living on the Umacables across the Liao river. This is tilla reservation and are afflicted with mange. The state board has made recoming up the river past Yinkow. The peated efforts in the last two or three years to induce government authorities in Washington or at the reservation to take steps to stamp out a disease that threatens to spread to all parts of the 20; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, state. All efforts proving fruitless, \$19. the board has at last determined to take radical measures, and the state veterinarian has been ordered to kill the diseased animals and bury them.

# because of their diseased condition.

Warner Settlers Prepare to Sue. Salem-J. L. Morrow and other set tlers in Warner valley, Lake county, are in Salem perfecting their papers preparatory to bringing suit to regain, if possible, the lands which were awarded to the Warner Valley Stock company by the department of the inest fleet of United States warships ever terior. The suit will be brought in assembled in target practice, includes the federal courts and will raise the in character in 1860. The Warner tenders, colliers and supply boats. deeds from the state, while the settlers

# Fallen Trees For the Pire.

Salem-The heavy wind storm last week is likely to increase the amount of cordwood cut in this vicinity this \$1 per dozen; celery, 65@80c; squash, year. Timber enough to make many thousand cords of wood was blown

# Change Union County Seat.

La Grande-A petition has been filed with the county clerk by Recorder William Miller, to be presented at the next meeting of the county court, asking the court to make the petition an issue for the June election that the county seat be removed from Union to county residents.

## BATTLE ON LAND.

## Russians Move on Japanese Fort but are Driven Back

St. Petersburg, March 31.-General Couropatkin, in his first report to the emperor from the scene of war, an nounced that offensive land operations had taken place against the Japanese upon the sixth anniversary of the oc-Association Formed at Eugene to Forupation of Port Arthur by the Russians. These operations took the form of a cavalry attack yesterday by six Eugene-A meeting was held at the ompanies of Cossacks, led by General ourthouse which was well attended Mishtchenko against four squadrons of and had for its object a consolidation of Japanese cavalry which the general be interests and energies in the direction lieved to be beyond Chong Ju, but which he found to be in occupation of

of road improvement in this vicinity. that town. About 150 interested citizens were prestenacity and bravery of the Japanese, who only ceased to fire after the com-Professor J. M. Hyde of the unibat, which lasted for half an hour. versity, who has long made a study of Before the Russians could follow up road engineering, made the first ad- their advantage, three Japanese squaddress on the subject and gave much valuable information for consideration. the third was driven back in disorder, President Campbell also made a good

men and horses falling. The fire maintained on the town

its report, and the Good Roads associa- unable to make an effectual return. tion of Lane county took tangible and rived an hour later, and in view of the dangerous. permanent form. A constitution was superiority of the enemy, General adopted and a good membership se- Mishtchenko determined to retire, doing so without emba, rassment.

General Mishtchenko's Cossacks have It is the intention of this association been endeavoring for some days to come to take active steps toward the securing in contact with the Japanese patrols, of first-class highways in all parts of but the latter refused to combat The skirmish will have the effect of

## Japanese army. TAKE FLAG DOWN

## Russians Remove American Ensign From Correspondents Quarters.

of the proclamation of martial law at this port the American flag which the Astoria-All the holders of large American correspondents had floating timber tracts in Clatsop county, with over their messhouse was hauled down bonded and floating dert of the county the exception of three, have paid their today. They are very indignant over ticles of the treaty, etc., principally articles 20, 21 and 22 of the treaty of were way below par and the county tives of these three syndicates were a protest to the United States embassy March 20, 1888, whereby the company here and tendered the sheriff 60 per at Pekin at what they term the "gross acquired its rights.

cent of the tax, but the tender was re- indignity" placed upon them. The Russan regulations are exceed-

will appeal to the county court for a vacate the town. stroyed by the new rule. tal which is invested in numerous in-

# dustries throughout the province.

## Wheat-Walla Walla, 75c; blue-NONE KNOW SIZE OF ARMIES. Correspondents' Versions of the Cam-Barley-Feed, \$23 per ton; rolled,

paign in Corea Differ. London, March 31.-No Jaapnese report of the land operations in Corea has yet been received here, and there clears, \$3.85@4; hard wheat patents, is much speculation as to the size of the opposing armies, regarding which

there is no reliable information A correspondent at the Russian headquarters at Mukden telegraphs that according to reports received there about 10,000 Japanese have crossed the river at Chin Changau and 5,000 have ad-Millstuffs-Bran, \$18 219 per ton; vanced north from Chong Ju

The Chronicle's Shanghai pondent asserts that practically the whole Japanese army in Corea, consisting of 100,000 men, is concentrated at Pak Chen and Anju, only small detachclover, \$10 @ 11; grain, \$11 @ 12; ments being left in Southern Corea to maintain communication.

A St. Petersburg special says that Southern Ussuri is advancing in two columns through Corea. He reports pound; fancy creamery, 25@271/c; that the Japanese are advancing north guard is encamped at Chong Ping. It s probable, however, that none of these fense at Niu Chwang is prorgessing. reports can be accepted as authentic.

Britain to Restrict Immigration. London, March 31 .- The alien immi 17c; hens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 15@ of commons today and passed its first 16c, dressed, 18@20c; ducks, \$8@9 per reading without division. The bill follows the recommendations of the reof immigrants into the United Kingdom be subject to state control. Home resolution, referred to the increase of crime during the admission of a class Washington court had been proven. of aliens in this country.

per dozen; asparagus, 81/2@11c; peas, 9c; rhubarb, 9c; beans, 10c; onions, Saginaw, Mich., March 31 .- Flood Potatoes-Fancy, 90c@#1 per cental: ,000 men or more are out of work. common, 60@80e; new potatoes, 316c The financial loss in this country will probably reach \$750,000. Between Fruits-Apples, fancy Baldwins and Saginaw and Bay City the ice on the Spitzenbergs, \$1.50@2.50 per box; choice, \$1@1.50; cooking, 75c. Saginaw river is over two feet deep in places, and dynamite has had ilttle the building and set fire to it. The estimated at \$5,000,000. effect in clearing the channel. Reports tell of much suffering.

# Large Machine Shops Burned.

Pittsburg, March 31 .- The mackine Beef-Dressed, 5@71/2c per pound. hops of the Pittsburg Valve Foundry Mutton-Dressed, 6@7c; lambs, 8c

# TIME IS PRECIOUS

TAWNEY MAKES PLANS TO TEST

1905 FAIR BILL.

Will Try to Bring Matter Up Under Suspension of Rules - House Leaders Healtate About Granting a Special Pule and the Session is Drawing to

Washington, April 4.-The leaders of the house hesitate to invoke the power of a special rule to secure consid-Despite a cross fire which General eration of the Lewis and Clark expo- 51,671 acres, or 13.3 per cent for the ent, and the meeting organized by the Mishtchenko cleverly directed against sitien bill, if it can be avoided, and three years. The per cent increase for selection of M. Syarverud chairman and the enemy, he pays a tribute to the Chairman Tawney has decided to try to the 10 years from 1889 to 1899 was bring the measure up under suspension | 118.2. of ruses. He will call the bill up today, unless the Oregon men do not

deem the time opportune. Those in charge of the bill believe it rons galloped toward the town. Two will be better to find out just what of them succeeded in entering, while strength the bill has in the house, and this will be shown on a suspension vote, even if two-thirds of the members of the house necessary to supsend A committee on organization made so destructive that the Japanese were the rules do not vote for the measure. The time is drawing so near the end of Further Japanese reinforcements ar- the session that further delay may be

## WINS CANAL CASE.

## Panama Company Has Perfect Right Sell Its Property.

Paris, April 4 .- The first civil tribnal of the Seine today decided the case encouraging the Russians to retard as of the Republic of Colombia against nals and ditches and the necessary much as possible the advance of the the Panama Canal company in favor of the defendants. The decision holds of the spring systems was \$22,895, that the complaint of Colombia is not and the length of main ditches was 49 receivable, and condemns the plaintiffs miles. The construction of the well to pay the costs of the action. This systems was \$4,536. decision has the effect of removing the legal obstacles in the way of the trans-Niu Chwang, March 31 .- As a result fer of the canal concession from the ompany to the United States.

The decision is a long document, fully reviewing all circumstances of the commission and reviewing the ar-

'These rights,' the decision says, have the manifest purpose of assurwould accept 50 per cent as a first pay- ingly strict and are designed, it is ing the full exercise of sovereignty over ment, as is allowed by the state law. openly stated, to compel all foreigners he canal. It results from what is es-The timber men now assert that they with the exception of the French to tablished before this tribunal that Colombia is not in possession of the terri-A Frenchman named Kreautlar, an employe of the Russo-Chinese bank, ing before the French court in order to approached Niu Chwang Saturday, and has been appointed French consular obtain its rights over the canal, Colombas then departed southward. It is stated bia tacitly admits its mability to itself that Viceroy Alexieff will return to the French flag over the bank build. control the canal. It therefore follows Europe in a few days." It is considered probable that naturally that it has lost sovereignty this is the forerunner of a movement over the territory traversed by the ent learns that the Japanese will not to fly the tricolor over all the Russian canal. It also appears that this sovpound for those under 25 pounds and 6 government buildings at Niu Chwang, ereignty is maintained by the new re- valley after April 20, as their trans-The commerce of the port has been de- public of Panama, which is in actual ports are still engaged in conveying The general possession of the authority and power opinion among the foreign residents is and administration and its policing. that should Russia's action be permit. Under such circumstances it only reted to stand by the powers without mains for the Panama company to ac-"cold storage" fish from 25 to 30 protest, it will be tantamount to a com- cept the actual situation of authority plete surrender of all rights of foreign- and the facts relative to the territory ers throughout the whole of Manchuria, embraced by the concession. Thereand will be very costly to foreign capi- fore the action commenced by Colom-

bia is not receivable.' Although no formal notice of appeal was given, it was stated at the close of the court that Colombia and Bonaparte Wyse, the original concessionaire, would appeal. It is said that an appeal will not cause delay, since today' decision is held to confirm the com pany's full right to transfer to the

# United States.

## AMERICA WILL RESPECT IT. Consul Miller Gives Notice Regarding

Martial Law at Niu Chwang. Niu Chwang, April 4 .- United States Consul Miller today informed the citizens of his nationality of the United other consuls were unable yesterday to States' acquiesence in the proclamation of martial law by the Russian authorities here. The United States gunboat Helena will leave Niu Chwang tomor- of said order until the foreign govern-

awaiting additional instructions. Russian authority has been established here without friction. There is Russian division of 25,000 men from no apparent alarm, although movable regarding placing consuls in Manchuria property is being partly removed. It by the execution of Russia's order. s understood that immediately after the 11 ships now here are loaded, the choice creamery, 23@24c; dairy and from Gensan, and that their advance port and river will be closed, as the from the property of citizens of Ameriwork of providing for a system of de- can or British nationality.

Nation Wins Point in Land Frauds. ment won its second important point ing circulated there to the effect that grant bill was introduced in the house in the technical battle over the alleged the war will last 20 years, and that it land fraud case today, when Commis- will not really begin before September, sioner Heacock denied the motion of the rains making July and August unthe defendants, F. A. Hyde and Henry favorable for military operations. port of the royal commission on alien P. Dimond to dismiss the complaint "Despite China's protestations of neuimmigration, issued August 11 last, that the immigration of certain classes Heacock is deciding against the contention of the defendants, said that the cer- to Manchuria. If this movement is tifled copy of the indictment established combined with the Japanese operations Secretary Douglas, in introducing the a prima facie case against Hyde and the Rusisans will be obliged to act Dimond and that the competency of the against General Ma."

# Pactory Girls are Killed.

Scranton, Pa., April 4 .- Six persons were killed and five fatally injured by patch from Reunion island, in the Inconditions in this city and vicinity to- an explosion in the factory of the Dick- dian ocean, confirmming the announcenight are not improved. All industrial son Squib company, at Priceburg, near ment of the disaster caused by a torplants on the river are shut down, and here, today. Twenty girls were em- nado March 21 and 22. The island ployed in the factory. What caused was completely devastated and the capthe explosion is not known, but it is ital, St. Dennis, was destroyed. said that one of the girls threw a squib Famine exists among the islanders. into the stove and that the force of the The sugar cane, tobacco and coffee crops explosion was so great that it wrecked are entirely destroyed. The damage is

# squibs are used in coal mining.

Washington, April 4.-The house and harbor work.

# CAN DO BETTER.

# Oregon Irrigation Methods Are Above

the Average. Washington, March 30 .- The census bureau today issued a preliminary report on irrigation in Oregon in 1902. It shows that the irrigation conditions there were above the average. The better methods of management and a more economical use of the ordinary water supply are urged in order greatly to increase the number of acres that

may be brought under irrigation. In 1902 the number of farms reported was 5,133, with an irrigated area of 439,981 acres, an increase since 1899 of

In 1902 2,555 irrigating systems were in operation, representing a total construction cost of \$2,089,809, an average of \$818 per system and \$4.75 per irrigated acre. The total length of main canals and ditches was 3.553 miles, an average of 1.4 miles per sys-

The aggregate number of acres irrigated by the 2,417 systems receiving water from streams was 428,925, belonging to 4,978 farms. The average cost per acre was \$4.81. The 114 systems supplied with water from springs irrigated 10,759 acres on 131 farms, the average cost per acre being \$2.31. Twenty-four well systems irrigated 292 acres, representing 24 farms, at an

average cost per acre of \$15.25. The stream systems cost, initially, \$2.062.188 for 3.604 miles of main cadams and head gates. The first cost

# BATTLESHIP BADLY DAMAGED.

Japanese Shells Struck the Czarevitch in the Last Engagement. London, March 30 .- No further news has been received here regarding the Port Arthur engagement, with the exception that the Telegraph's Yinkow correspondent says the Japanese bombardment badly damaged the forward barbette of the Russian battleship Czarevitch. The correspondent adds: "According to a rumor, 65 Japanese transports, escorted by four cruisers

The Post's Niu Chwang correspond

The Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent says that in compliance with Viceroy Alexieff's demand the Tartar governor of Weng Fan has withdrawn its troops to a distance 60 miles from Mukden. He adds that the Russians are now left in complete control of the

# revenue and other departments.

## CONSULS WITH NO JURISDICTION. Russia Makes It Plain Martial Law Is to

Prevail at Niu Chwang. Niu Chwang, March 30 .- The foreign consuls had a conference with the civil administrator today. The latter informed them that the full intention of Russia's order of yesterday was to proclaim martial law and also annul consular jurisdiction and that the same

vas already annulled. The British consul interpreted the order as not declaring martial law. The comprehend Russia's intentions.

The administrator agrees with the consuls to suspend a rigid enforcement row. The British gunboat Espiegle is ments act in order to lessen the complications.

> the apparent defeat of American aims American and British flags were to day removed by the Russian military

The Americans here call attention to

Figures on a Long War. Paris, March 30-The Martin's Har-San Francisco, April 4 - The govern- | bin correspondent says a rumor is be-

# Famine Bollows Tornado.

Hamburg, March 30 .- An export house here has received a cable dis-

# Dowle Was Insulting.

Adelaide, Australia, March 30 .- In consequence of a speech insulting King committee on rivers and harbors today Edward the government has refused completed its draft of an appropriation the use of public buildings to John & Construction company were destroyed bill carrying approximately \$3,000,000 Alexander Dowie. The mayor of Adby fire tonight. Loss is probably to continue existing contracts for river elaide wrote to Dowie telling him he was a disgrace to the nationality.