## JAPANESE-RUSSIAN WAR.

Latest Telegraphic News of the Great Struggle in the Far East.

London, Feb. 16.—The voluminous from the far east published here this morning are again characterized by absence of real light on the situation. Numerous unconfirmed and conflicting rumors are given, and among them is a report of another engagement at Port Arthur in which the Russians lost eight vessels sunk and ten captured.

Tokio, Feb. 17.—A report has just reached here that the Japanese torpedo fleet reattacked the Russian fleet at Port Arthur on February 14 and it is thought that one Russian warship was damaged.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—A dispetable.

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St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—A dispatch received here from Port Arthur, dated February 15, denies that the Japanese are landing at Ching-Wang-Too, a port on the southern border of Manchuria,

The Russian cruiser Boyarin was blown up by a mine February 13 in the same manner as was the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei. She had

on board 197 officers and men, all of whom, it is understood, were lost. Berlin, Feb. 17.—The St. Petersburg-correspondent of the Tagliche Rund-schau says that 600 Russian soldiers have been frozen to death while marching across Lake Baikal, east-ern Siberia. orrespondent of the Tagliche Rund-chau says that 600 Russian soldiers where the same says that all necessary re-pairs had already been made.

This message also denies the re-port that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kin-Chau,

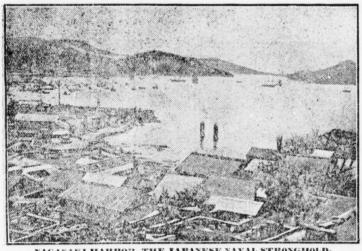
"Of the fortress and garrison: One man killed, one man severely wou ed and five men slightly wounded.

Port Arthur, Feb. 19.—The repairs to the Russian warships damaged during the bombardment of February 9 are rapidly proceeding. The Czarevitch, Ritvizan and Pallada will soon rejoin the fleet. The work is being carried on with the aid of

Port Arthur is calm. All the troops are eagerly awaiting an opportunity to meet the Japanese in an open

Paris, Feb. 19 .- An eminent mili-

abandonment or the surrender of the fortress with its men and material. London, Feb. 19.—The Japanese legation here received an official dispatch from Tokio last night saying it was not true that any Japanese vessels had been destroyed, so far, in any of the various naval engagements, and that all presseave.



NAGASAKI HARBOR, THE JAPANESE NAVAL STRONGHOLD.

censorship imposed here upon all news from the far east completely masks the movements of Russian troops and the plans of those in command, but what is being done is sevidently satisfactory to the authorities here, as they manifest the utmost confidence that when the proper time arrives the enemy will be crushed. They say that the preliminary sea victories of the Japanese will then be speedily forgotten. Russia was taken unawares at the outset and some little time will be required to complete the mobilization of Russian troops.

dispatch received here from Port Arthur dated February 17 says that In the action off that port on Febru-ary 14 the Russian volunteer fleet steamer Kherson was struck by a 12inch shell in her upper works. A slight fire broke out, which was kly extinguished.

Washington, Feb. 18.-The Japanese legation yesterday received from the foreign office at Tokio the following dispatch giving details of the torpedo attack at Port Arthur on the rning of the 14th:

"On the 13th of February a cetachment of torpedo boat destroyers proceeded, braving the fierce north storm, toward Port Arthur. At 3 o'clock the next morning, the Asagiri, a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer, amidst a shower of shells from the enemy's fort and ships, torpedoed a Russian man-of-war and, farther firing on the enemy's guard boat, safely returned to its headquarters. The Hayatori, another Japanese torpedo boat destroyer, at 5 o'clock of the same morning approached to the mouth of the port, where she found two of the enemy's men-of-war and in defiance of their firing immediately to repedoed one of them and safely bis hed the censorship on all news "On the 13th of February a Cedefiance of their firing immediate-torpedoed one of them and safely

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The admiralty Berlin, Feb. 18.—The admiralty here has received confirmation of the reports that Japanese landing operations on a vast scale are taking place on both of Koren's norther account of Koren's norther account of the same taking the transfer of the same to be entirely free. Inasmuch as a state of war exists, telegrams from the theatre of hostilities will be subject to the same kind of miliman authorities that Japan will be

### Boston Man Gets a Good Job.

Boston, Feb. 17.—W. Cameron Forbes, of this city, whose accept-ance of the office of United States commissioner for the Philippine Islands was announced from Washington Tuesday, is a member of a well known Boston family and a important financial undertakings.

caissons.

The railroad is undamaged and

Paris, Feb. 19.—An eminent military authority connected with one of the embassies said yesterday that Port Arthur was practically besieged and it was a serious question whether this would not compel either the abandonment or the surrender of the



"The imperial government, desiring to avoid as far as possible a disturbance of the peaceful condition of affairs which prevails in China, will in all parts of Chinese territory excepting the regions now occupied by Russia, respect the neutrality of Chinasa long as Russia does the same.

"Furthermore, the rights of Chinese officials and inhabitants within the zone of military operations will be fully protected by the imperial forces, so far as military necessity forces, permits. In the event, however, that they should extend aid to the enemy of Japan, the imperial government reserve to themselves the right to take such action as the circumstances

It says in conclusion that the war s not being waged by the Japanese or the purpose of conquest, but sole-

and other telegrams going abroad.

The international censorship is to be subject to the same kind of mili-tary censorship enforced in all coun-tries under similar circumtances.

coasts and it is assumed by the German authorities that Japan will be ready by early spring for a forward land movement supported by properly equipped bases. Possibly 250,000 men will be in the field before a collision takes place with the Russians in force.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—A long official dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff was given out yesterday, recounting details of the fight of February 9 at Port Arthur. It says it is known that a number of Japanese ships suffered severely, which accounts for their not following up the attack.

After giving a list of the ships engaged, with the names of their commanders, Admiral Alexieff says:

"Our losses were: Of the squad-ron—five officers wounded, 14 men killed and 69 men wounded.

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Paris, Feb. 20.—A representative of the Matin who has reached the center of the Russian fatter great hardships, due to the trans-Siberian rail-way trains being crowded with thousands of soldiers, in a dispatch from Harbin confirms the announcement that that place will be the main base of the Russian land operations. Thus far the base has succeeded in maintaining its communication with Port training its communication of troops proceeds systematically and provision has been made for the gaged, with the names of their commanders, Admiral Alexieff says:

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### Churches Consolidate.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—It is stated on good authority that the proposed federation of the Cumberland and Presbyterian churches became an assured fact at the conclusion of Thursday's conference of the subwell known Boston family and a prominent lawyer. He is about 40 years old and is a graduate from Harvard University. At Harvard he won fame as a football player and subsequently was head coach of the varsity eleven for two seasons. Mr. Forbes has had wide experience in francial undertakings. committees representing the general

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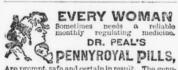
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## SEVEN MEN SHOT.

Two of the Wounded Men May

Constables Organized a Posse of Citizens and Attempted to Close Up a Pool Room at Madison, III.—A Pitched Battle Follows.

St. Louis, Feb. 20.-In an effort to close up a pool room that has for a long time operated in the outskirts of Madison, Ill., across the river from St. Louis, three constables, augment St. Louis, three constables, augment-ed by a posse of citizens, and bearing warrants for the arrest of six men connected with the pool room, pre-cipitated a riot yesterday which re-sulted in the shooting of seven men. Two may die.

Warrants had been sworn out bewarrants had been sworn out be-fore Justice of the Peace Isenmeyer, of Granite City, adjoining Madison, and placed in the hands of Constable John Glass and two other constables for the arrest of Whitefield Brooks and Eugene Wall, of Granite City, and Thomas Riley, Charles Greenfield, Thomas Manley and Martin Johns, of St. Louis, charging them with being connected with the pool room. After the failure of the Madison county grand jury, which recently investigated the pool room, to return indictments citizens took the matter in hand with the intention of having the hand with the intention of having the pool room closed.

Several days ago warrants were is-

sued for State Senator David Nelson, of Missouri, charging him with be-ing a pool seller, and Victor Schuler, ....Corbett, .... ...Germania, .... dp. Galeton.... ar, " charging him with conducting the pool room and being custodian of the funds. Schuler was arrested Thursday and gave bond of \$500 pending a hearing. The additional warrants hearing. The additional warrants were sworn out Friday and three constables appeared at the pool room to serve them. Two policemen were within and declared they had arrest-ed the operators of the pool room and were guarding them. Betting was going on as usual at the time. The constables were ordered to leave the premises, which they did after argument.
Proceeding through the neighbor-

hood for the next half hour the con-stables organized a posse of armed citizens numbering about 50 persons. The constables and posse then re turned to the pool room and entered They were at once ordered out and the doors were ordered locked. The posse demurred and words followed. One posse man, it is stated, pointed a shotgun at Policeman McCambridge, who fired a revolver into the ceiling. Firing then became general. The policeman was shot through the body. The crowd in the pool room scattered hurriedly, many fleeing into a waiting Illinois Central train until it became packed. When the fusilade was over the constables and posse had possession.

#### REVIEW OF TRADE.

Bad Weather Alone Prevents a Definite Revival of Business.

New York, Feb. 20.—R. G. Dun & Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade Inclement weather alone prevents

a definite revival of business. Out-door work is retarded and traffic impeded to an extent that cannot be ac-curately measured, but is obviously sufficient to neutralize the favorable effect of many encouraging factors, while winter wheat is threatened, al-though not yet definitely injured, and early farm preparations must be postponed. Several leading branches of manu-

Several leading branches of manufacture are increasing active capacity, and thousands of interior buyers are placing liberal orders at the prnicipal cities. The usual temporary advantages of war are felt in the markets for staple commodities, notably foodstuffs, but, while this helps the domestic producer, it harms a much larger number by enhancing prices to home consumers. There is little friction between employers and little friction between employers and wage earners, except regarding the bituminous scale, but the cause of industrial peace has lost its foremost

when spring building operations begin, a large demand for iron and stell is expected and contracts are soon to be placed for Baltimore work. A large tonnage of rails is announced. Failures this week numbered 287 in the United States, against 247 last year, and 20 in Canada, compared with 26 a year ago.

PAINT FACTORY BURNED.

A Big Blaze at Brooklyn, N. V. - Hun-dreds of Families Evicted from Tenements.

New York, Feb. 20.—A destructive fire broke out last night in the extensive paint works of F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., Brooklyn. The fire started from some unknown cause and, owing to the highly inflammable character of the contents of the buildings the works were soon destroyed. The firemen directed their efforts to preventing the spread of the fire to the adjacent property, consisting of tenement houses.

The buildings occupied by the paint works were stored with large quan-New York, Feb. 20 .- A destructive

works were stored with large quan-tities of oil and chemicals, it being stated that more than 1,500 barrels of linseed oil were stored in the

Over 1,500 families were evicted from the tenements and given temporary refuge by neighbors. There was no loss of life.

Arrest of a Counterfeiter.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 20.—Benton Bowman, of this city, was arrested here Friday, charged with making counterfeit silver dollars, fhalf dollars, quarter dollars and 'nickels, which he is alleged to have sold to David A. Wilson, at one-third their face value. Wilson was also arrested and was released on \$100 bail for a hearing next week. Bowman was unable to secure bail and was committed to jail. He confessed to being a counterfeiter and said Wilson agreed to take \$500 worth of the spurious coin every month. Wilson spurious coin every month. Wilson is the properctor of a saloon.

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