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Our second spring shipment is really making this stock the largest ever shown by this store. Bright new colors and patterns, with a guaranteed saving on every yard.

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WAR PARTY DOWN

The Czar Getting the Upper Hand of His Rash Ministers.

ALEXIEFF IS LET OUT

Viceroy's Position No Longer Tenable. His Resignation Became Immediately Imperative.

The Man Who Was Responsible For the War Finds His Star Soon Set.

Yin Kow, April 20.—It is affirmed that a fresh battle is raging at Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—Viceroy Alexieff has applied by telegraph to the emperor to be relieved of his position.



VICE-ADmiral ALEXIEFF.

sition of viceroy in the far East. It is expected that the request will be immediately granted.

The immediate cause of the viceroy's application is reported to be the appointment of Vice Admiral Skrydloff, one of Admiral Alexieff's strongest enemies and sharpest critics, as successor to the late Vice Admiral Makarov in command of the Russian navy in the far East. The relieving from command of Viceroy Alexieff would not surprise intelligent observers of the far Eastern situation who are familiar with the gradual change in the emperor's attitude toward the viceroy and M. Bezobrazoff, who represented the militant or advanced element which was anxious that Russia should remain in Manchuria. It was through these official advisers that the emperor conducted negotiations with Japan, and it is claimed that they misjudged the temper and purpose of the Japanese and left the emperor in ignorance of the preparations for war which Japan was making and the rising war spirit of that empire. The enemies of Alexieff have persistently asserted that as the man on the spot he should have kept the emperor informed concerning these vital points.

On the eve of the war Alexieff apparently still had the confidence of the czar, but the lack of preparedness of the Port Arthur fleet called the attention of the emperor to the slackness of the naval administration in the far East. The anti-Alexieff party in St. Petersburg held that Vice Admiral Stark, who was the viceroy's representative, was responsible under him for the first reverse at Port Arthur. The emperor then appointed Vice Admiral Makarov to command the fleet in succession to Admiral Stark. The emperor selected Makarov and at the same time issued a special ukase making him absolutely independent. This was the first blow publicly given to Alexieff. The second was the appointment of General Kuropatkin as commander-in-chief of the army in Manchuria. Kuropatkin sided with Count Lamsdorff, the foreign minister, and M. Witte against the policy of Manchurian annexation and stated to the Chinese minister to Russia,

Colonist Tickets to West and Northwest via Pennsylvania Lines.

One way second class colonist tickets to California, the North Pacific Coast, Montana and Idaho will be sold via Pennsylvania lines from March 1st to April 30th, inclusive. For particulars apply to nearest Ticket Agent of those lines.

Excursion to Missionary Society Convention.

Excursion tickets account District Convention, Missionary Society of the church of Christ in Indiana, will be sold via Pennsylvania Lines to New Castle, Ind., April 21st and 22d, and to Anderson, Ind., April 25th and 26th. Get particulars from local ticket Agent of those lines.

Low Fares to Washington, D. C., via Pennsylvania Lines.

April 10th, 11th and 12th, excursion tickets to Washington, D. C., account Knights of Columbus meeting, will be sold via Pennsylvania Lines. For particulars regarding fares, time of trains, etc., consult nearest Ticket Agent of those lines.

Mr. Hoo Wei Teh, that the whole trouble originated with Alexieff. That there might be no doubt of Kuropatkin's exact jurisdiction, the emperor issued another ukase defining it and gave the former minister of war complete control of military operations in the far East. Officials in St. Petersburg say it must then have been evident to Alexieff that his star had waned. He had neither the army nor the navy under his control, being charged merely with the civil administration, but in time of war there is no civil administration, or very little. At first the viceroy received the official dispatches from Makarov and Kuropatkin, but even this last shred of his dignity was removed when the two commanders communicated directly with the emperor.

When the Petropavlovsk was sunk Alexieff started from Mukden for Port Arthur, telegraphing to the emperor on his arrival there that he had hoisted his flag on the battleship Sevastopol and would direct the operations of the fleet until a new commander was sent out. It is said that no answer to this was sent by the emperor. Without consulting Alexieff's wishes and without considering Vice Admiral Doubasoff, whom he had originally recommended, the emperor telegraphed Vice Admiral Skrydloff to proceed to Port Arthur via St. Petersburg and assume command of the fleet. It is said that not even this fact was officially communicated to Alexieff, and he was allowed to learn of it through the press dispatches. Alexieff considered the matter for three days, at the end of which he is said to have reached a decision to apply for leave. When Alexieff severs his connection with the far Eastern question none of the men responsible for the policy pursued before the war will be in power, M. Bezobrazoff having already lost the confidence of his majesty and the advisory committee's duties at present being purely perfunctory. It is not expected that a successor to Viceroy Alexieff will be appointed, as the importance of the post of viceroy has disappeared owing to the result of the war.

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Madrid, April 20.—According to reports received here the Republicans of Catalonia are greatly depressed because of the success of King Alfonso's tour.

Eight Killed in Wreck.

Mexico City, April 20.—A north-bound passenger train on the Mexican Central jumped the track near Zaca-

tecas. Eight were killed and thirty-five injured.

TERSE TELEGRAMS

The World's Press Parliament will meet in St. Louis May 19.

Vice Admiral Makarov's widow has been granted an annual pension of \$10,000.

Confirmation of the rumored purchase by Russia of four American ships is not at hand.

The amalgamation of the three independent organizations of veterans of the Spanish-American war has been consummated.

There are mysterious rumors about the Vladivostok squadron, concerning which no information has been received for over ten days.

The National Academy of Sciences is holding its fortieth annual session at Washington. About forty-five of the eighty-nine active members are present.

In a head on collision between two passenger trains on the Cincinnati, Lebanon and Northern railroad at Blue Ash, O., one man was killed and two seriously injured.

The House has passed the Statehood bill, which provides that one state each shall be created of the territories of Arizona and New Mexico, and Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

The United States district court, at St. Paul, denied right of Harriman and Pierce to file a petition against J. J. Hill's proposed pro rata distribution of Northern securities stock.

TEN MILLION DOLLAR BLAZE

Toronto's Wholesale District Devastated by Flames.

Toronto, Ont., April 20.—Fire swept through a section of Toronto's wholesale business district last night, causing a loss which will reach fully ten million dollars. The fire started in a factory in Wellington street about 9 o'clock. In less than an hour the flames had spread to buildings on both sides of the street until the whole block was a mass of flames and the fire utterly beyond control of the local department.

Appeals were sent to every surrounding city where fire apparatus could be obtained, asking for assistance. It was believed at 11 o'clock that the fire was under control, but a sudden shift in the wind again fanned the flames into a roar and clouds of sparks and burning brands were carried down side streets until three entire blocks were doomed.

The firemen were making a gallant fight amid the falling buildings and a mass of tangled wires, but their efforts at midnight seemed to be fruitless. Not until the flames encompassed Bay street did the fire burn itself out.

Chief Thompson of the fire department and George Dowkes of Montreal were cut off by the flames while directing the work of firemen from a roof. Thompson jumped six stories to the ground and miraculously escaped with a broken leg. A mass of tangled wires broke his fall near the ground. Dowkes has not been seen since, and it is believed he perished.

At Cincinnati.

Wheat—Easier; No. 2 red, \$1.07. Corn—Easier; No. 2 mixed, 53c. Oats—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 42c. Cattle—Steady; steers, \$3.00@5.60; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.25. Hogs—Lower at \$4.80@5.20. Sheep—Steady at \$3.25@4.00. Lambs—Steady at \$5.50@6.25.

Livestock at Chicago.

Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.00@1.02. Corn—No. 3, 48@53c. Oats—No. 2, 39c. Cattle—Steady; steers, \$3.00@5.60; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.25. Hogs—Lower at \$4.80@5.20. Sheep—Steady at \$3.25@4.00. Lambs—Steady at \$5.50@6.25.

East Buffalo Livestock.

Cattle—Active at \$4.30@5.50. Hogs—Steady at \$2.75@5.80. Sheep—Firm, \$3.50@5.75. Lambs—Steady at \$4.00@6.85.

PANAMA CANAL STRIP

Ownership of Same Will Soon Pass to Uncle Sam.

Paris, April 20.—Important action relative to the Panama canal was taken here by the conclusion of all formalities for the transfer to the United States of the concession held by the Panama Canal company. These formalities have reached such an advanced stage that practically nothing remains to make the transfer complete, but as a measure of precaution the details of the action already taken are not made public pending the meeting of the stockholders of the company next Saturday, when it is expected the final transfer of the concession will be ratified. It can be stated, however, that the action already taken positively assures the ownership of the canal by the United States.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

12—First and south C, piano factory.

13—Second and south B.

14—Fourth and south D.

15—Fifth and south B.

16—Fifth and south H.

18—Seventh and south H.

SECOND DISTRICT.

South of Main, Between Seventh and Eleventh.

21—Eighth and Main.

23—Eighth and south E.

24—Seventh and south G.

25—Ninth and south A.

26—Tenth and south C.

27—Eleventh and Main.

28—Eleventh and south J.

THIRD DISTRICT.

South of Main, East of Eleventh.

31—Twelfth and south B.

32—Twelfth and south E.

34—Fourteenth and Main.

35—Fourteenth and south C.

36—Eleventh and south A.

37—Twenty-first and Main.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

North of Main, West of Tenth to River.

41—Third and Main, Robinson's shop.

42—Third and North C.

43—City Building.

45—Gaar, Scott & Co.

46—No. 1 Hose House, N. Eighth.

47—Champion Roller Mills.

48—Teuth and North I.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

West Richmond and Fairview.

5—West Third and Chestnut.

51—West Third and National Road.

52—West Third and Kinsey.

53—West Third and Richmond Ave.

54—Earlham College.

55—State and Boyer.

56—Grant and Ridge.

57—Hunt and Maple.

58—Grant and Sheridan.

59—Bridge Ave., Paper Mill.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

North of E, East of Tenth.

61—Railroad Shops.

62—Hutton's Coffin Factory.

63—Hoosier Drill Works.

64—Wayne Agricultural Works.

65—Richmond City Mill Works.

66—Westcott Carriage Works.

67—Thirteenth and North H.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Between Main and North D., East of Tenth.

7—Ninth and North A.

71—Eleventh and North L.

72—Fourteenth and North C.