Blizzard in New York.
NEW YORK, April 19.—In New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts there was a heavy fall of snow tonight. In central New York the storm reached the proportions of a blizzard.

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Rain and Much Colder.

Corpse of Makaroff Found.
PORT ARTHUR, April 20.—Many mutilated corpses have been cast ashore, and fragments of uniforms enabled the authorities to identify one of the bodies as that of Vice-Admiral Makaroff.

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DEAFNESS DISAPPEARS WHEN ACHING TOOTH IS PULLED.

Wonderful Experience of a Girl in Recovering Her Lost Hearing.

Suffered Torture for a Year and Was About to go to Europe for Relief.

Had Wisdom Tooth Extracted and Lo! to Her Amazement She Heard Again.

Special to The Tribune.

NEW YORK, April 19.—By the pulling of an aching wisdom tooth, Miss Louise Fischer of 1674 Madison avenue, has recovered her hearing, and is the happiest young woman on that aristocratic thoroughfare.

She will give up a trip to Europe for the exquisite delight of hearing the bands play in St. Louis. Instead of sailing for Bremen to consult eminent specialists about her deafness she will take a train for St. Louis to be at the opening of the fair and celebrate her deliverance.

Lost Hearing a Year Ago.

Miss Fischer is a musician. She lost the hearing of her right ear a year ago and suffered intensely from pains in the drum. She could neither play nor sing, and her life was made miserable. She went to aural specialists, but all of them shook their heads and gave her no hope. They advised that she go to Bremen.

So distressed was she that she decided to undertake the long trip and test the slender hope they held out to her. She engaged passage on the Belgravia. Trunks were packed and everything was in readiness.

As a last thought she dropped in on a dentist only two doors away to have him attend to her teeth. She told him about the troublesome wisdom tooth that jumped and jerked at all hours of the day and night.

Had the Tooth Pulled.

"Pull it," he said. She consented and out it came.

"Why, the pain in my ear is gone," cried the astonished girl as she got up from the dentist's chair.

She went home to finish preparations for her departure. The noises in the street were no longer muffled, her own voice was clear and distinct again. She sat down to the piano and once more felt the joy of listening to harmonized notes that came clear and strong.

She was no longer deaf. The girl ran back to the dentist when she at length realized what had happened. Dancing for joy Miss Fischer decided on the spot to give up her trip to Europe.

"I will celebrate my deliverance by going to St. Louis and hearing the band play," she decided.

GAME COMPARTMENTS IN RAILROAD TRAINS

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Bids for the Travel of Poker Players.

Special to The Tribune.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., April 19.—Gamblers are to have special compartments in Chicago & Eastern Illinois passenger trains while traveling over that line.

The American Car and Foundry company of this city has about completed two parlor chair cars to be used on what is known as the Chicago and Nashville Limited, which runs between the great northern metropolis and the capital of Tennessee.

The cars are built solely to accommodate those who wish to play with chips while being whirled along the Chicago & Eastern Illinois division of the 'Frisco. One-half of the interior is given up to card rooms where a game can be as quietly enjoyed as if the players were in a private apartment at their club. On one side is a row of five compartments, in each of which four men can be accommodated around the handsome tables, while across the richly carpeted aisle are five smaller rooms that will furnish a place for but two each to amuse themselves.

The other end of the car is furnished with reclining chairs, each of which will do its duty for a bed if required. The outside of the compartments is finished in lattice work, but curtains may be drawn to keep out the gaze of fellow passengers.

Carried Away by Snowslides.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 19.—Snowslides are reported from almost every part in the interior of British Columbia, the most serious occurred at the Silver King mine in the Lardeau district. A slide 1000 feet wide came down the mountain and carried away blacksmith shops, ore bins, a quantity of ore, 166 feet of tramway and killed a miner named John Marble, whose body was found twenty rods away. The total damage will be $5,000.

Russian Bark Wrecked.

LONDON, April 19.—The Russian bark Herring, Capt. Spade, from Yokohama, January 30th, for San Francisco, was wrecked on February 26th at Miyake island, Japan.

Refused to Instruct.

PORTLAND, Or., April 19.—The State Democratic convention, which met here to-day to nominate delegates to the National convention, refused by a large vote to give an instructed delegation.

Avalanche Kills 13 in Sleeping Hamlet

Brieg, Switzerland, April 19.--An avalanche from the Spitzhorn, at 2 o'clock this morning, swept down upon the hamlet of Muehlback. The inhabitants were asleep at the time, and thirteen were killed.

DEATH'S APPROACH GRAPHICALLY RECITED

How It Feels When One Is Entering Into the Realm of Shadows.

Special to The Tribune.

CLEVELAND, O., April 19.—"Cremate me," gasped Otto Pollock when he realized he was bleeding to death and a friend approached his bedside.

"You know our contract, Lubahn. Don't bury me in the ground!"

Slowly death crept toward the well-known carpenter. His family had been told that an uncontrollable hemorrhage had seized the man and had been called to witness the poor fellow's end.

Around his bed stood his neighbors and friends, physicians and his loved ones. Pollock bid them all good-bye and then for ten long minutes he recounted the sensations of a man who is dying as these were impressed on his sensitive brain.

"I can feel my life slipping away," he whispered. "Drop by drop as blood falls my strength is going. I can feel no pain. My eyes are growing dimmer. I can hardly see you. I feel as if I was going to sleep. It is quite dark now. I can't see any one. I can feel each second that I am dropping out of life. I see now a great light, but cannot distinguish anything."

After a few more incoherent whispered, Pollock sank into unconsciousness and died.

LOCATES GOLD VEIN WHILE IN A TRANCE

Kansas Man Tells Dream Story of Finding Long-Lost Brother and Ledge of Quartz.

Special to The Tribune.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 19.—When it comes to dreaming things, Abel Brown Elliott of Goff, Kan., holds four aces and a king over any other person in this section of the universe.

Mr. Elliott recently warned the veterans of Phoenix post of the G. A. R. against planting him too soon after he shuffles off, if the shuffling should happen here, because he might not be dead.

Mr. Elliott said that at his home in Goff, which is some fifty miles north of Topeka, he had at times been in a trance for ten days, and during that time his spirit visited a brother whom he had not seen and from whom no member of their family had heard for twenty-two years.

Mr. Elliott came to the Bradshaw mountains at a point near Walnut Grove in Yavapai county, Arizona, and found his brother working in a shaft precisely as he had seen him in the vision. He was able to describe to his brother every feature of the mine in which he was working, and told him if he would go fifty yards to the east and then twenty-five rods south to the creek and dig thirty feet down he would find a piece of white quartz the length of one's arm and a good vein of ore.

Upon following the instructions, Luther Elliott, the brother, was astonished to find the rock which John Brown Elliott had described, and under it a small pocket of gold. No large vein of ore was encountered.

MONSTER STEAMSHIP ARRIVES AT FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—The new steamship Mongolia of the Pacific Mail company's line arrived today, fifty-seven days from New York. Before the vessel was docked the Chinese crew of 200 men were taken to the Angel Island quarantine station. The Mongolia will sail on her first trip to the Orient in about two weeks. Not only is the ship the largest ever seen in this port, but she is the finest and biggest vessel ever constructed in the United States. She is 615 feet long, has a beam of 65 feet and is capable of carrying 16,000 tons.

There were several cases of smallpox among the Chinese crew which was quarantined. One death from that disease occurred as the vessel was entering port.

MUST LOOK UP THE LAW IN THE BOODLING CASES

KANSAS CITY, April 19.—Judge M. C. Moore, in the District court today at Kansas City, Kan., sustained a motion of the defense to quash the indictment recently returned against Chris Kopp, an ex-Alderman, accused of accepting a bribe of $700 from an asphalt company. He discharged the defendant.

This was the first of nine cases of persons charged with boodling, and in rendering the decision in the Kopp case, Judge Moore intimated that he would take similar action in all the others. The court gave the State until September to look up the law in these cases.

Duke's Niece Weds.

LONDON, April 19.—Lady Constance McKenzie, niece of the Duke of Sutherland and well known in the United States, was married to Sir Edward Auston Richardson, Bart., at Pitfour, Perthshire, today.

CAKEWALK IN CHURCH AT MIDNIGHT HOUR

Rector Says the Guild Girls Wore His Priestly Vestments, but They Demur.

MUNCIE, Ind., April 19.—"I love my church," said Miss Davis with tears in her pretty brown eyes, "and I love to work for it, but I refuse to have anything more to do with it."

Miss Davis is a social favorite and is president of St. Margaret's Guild of Grace Episcopal church.

She was accused by Dr. W. J. Berry, rector, with having donned his robes and, with others of the guild, to have held a cakewalk in the aisles of the church at the midnight hour.

Dr. Berry forbade the holding of the social because he said the girls had got into mischief on former occasions. The girls held it anyway, and now Dr. Berry says they broke into his private room, donned his vestments, pounded the piano and indulged in a cakewalk.

The girls assert that the choir boys played the pranks after they had left the church, but the rector stoutly defends the choir boys, who are his favorites.

JUDGE JUNKETED IN A PRIVATE CAR

Sensational Testimony Is Given Against Judge Charles Swayne by Yale Professor.

WASHINGTON, April 19. — John Wurts, a professor in the law school of Yale university, gave testimony today against Judge Charles Swayne before the subcommittee of the House committee. Judge Swayne was present, and will cross-examine Prof. Wurtz tomorrow.

As to Judge Swayne's reputation in Jacksonville, Prof. Wurtz said:

"Judge Swayne's reputation in Jacksonville was that of a Judge who was open to influence and whose decisions were governed by other considerations than the law and the evidence."

The witness testified that Judge Swayne had a private car of the Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West railroad at his disposal for something like two years during the receivership of Mason Young, who was appointed by Judge Swayne.

According to Prof. Wurts, the Florida Central & Peninsula railroad furnished Judge Swayne a private car for himself and party to go to the Pacific slope. This trip caused scandalous talk in Jacksonville, and the witness said on his return Judge Swayne told him that the only expense the trip had been to him was the provisioning of the car.

The appointment of John King, a young man, as a master in chancery in a pending suit involving the Florida Southern railway was another of the accusations brought forth by Prof. Wurts against Judge Swayne.

THE GREAT SALT LAKE LASHED INTO A FURY

High Winds Play on the Waters and Entail Considerable Loss.

Special to The Tribune.

OGDEN, Utah, April 19.—A serious storm took place on the Great Salt lake Monday night, doing much damage along the Lucin cut-off and covering the beach with wreckage. The waves rolled high and dashed against the trestle, throwing heavy piling and other timbers against the foundation of the bunkhouse so fiercely as to cause the men to fear that the structure would collapse. Since the storm a rumor has been floating about that a gang of beach-combers had been wrecked and that some lives had been lost. This, however, is not confirmed. The beach-combers are employed in gathering up the wreckage.

AMERICAN SAILING YACHT SCOUT SUNK IN SQUALL

NEW YORK, April 19.—The American sailing yacht Scout, owned by Col. Francis L. Leland of New York, has been capsized and sunk here by a squall, says a Herald dispatch from San Remoe, Italy. Col. Leland's son, who was sailing the boat at the time of the accident, was saved by a boat put out from the Italian battleship Lepanto.

Edward F. Leland is a member of the New York Yacht club. His father owns the palatial steam yacht Safa-El-Bahr, built at Glasgow for the Khedive of Egypt.

Ready to Testify.

Special to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Witnesses who have been subpoenaed in the Smoot inquiry, which will be resumed tomorrow, are about all on the ground. Former Congressman Brigham H. Roberts and Judge O. W. Powers of Salt Lake City arrived today. Roberts is at the National and Powers at the New Willard.

MEXICAN TRAIN JUMPS TRACK AND KILLS EIGHT.

About Forty Other Persons Injured More or Less Seriously.

Defective Rail Throws Locomotive and Coaches Down Embankment.

Pullman Sleepers Remain on the Rails and Occupants Only Receive Severe Jolting.

MEXICO CITY, April 19.—Northbound fast passenger train No. 1 on the Mexican Central, which left this city last night, about four kilometres north of Sacrates today jumped the track, the wreck resulting in the death of eight persons and the injury of thirty-five or forty others.

The train was bowling along at a high rate of speed when a defective rail precipitated the locomotive, the express and baggage cars, the first, second and third-class coaches, down an embankment, totally demolishing them.

The two Pullmans were the only cars which did not leave the track and those occupying them received no injury beyond a severe shaking up.

It is impossible to secure a list of the dead, but it is understood that among them are the Mexican fireman and the expressman and the engineer, Americans.

BOUGHT $100 CLAIM AND MADE $59,500

Didn't Think His Ante-Nuptial Contract Good and Sold It for a Song.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 19.—The whole court of British Columbia Supreme bench today declared that an agreement to marriage is a legal consideration in the making of a contract. The decision carried with it the disposition of an estate valued at $60,000.

In 1901 Loius Henry Rasor met a wealthy widow, who agreed, in writing, prior to the marriage, to will him all her property if she became his wife. Several months after the marriage Mrs. Rasor died, leaving the bulk of her property to the Ruman Catholic church and bequeathing only $100 to her husband. Rasor sold his claim to J. Pemberton of Victoria for $500. Suit was entered and decided against the Pemberton claim. The full court today reversed this decision and Pemberton's claim is valued at $60,000. Rasor died over a year ago in California.

Objects to British Act

Seeks Indemnity.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 19.—The Imperial Government will demand through the Captain of the British cruiser Retribution, now at Bluefields, a heavy indemnity from the Nicaraguan Government for the illegal seizure of the Cayman turtle fishermen, ten miles beyond the limit, and also for destruction of fishing gear and brutal treatment of crews.

Charges Coercion.

WASHINGTON, April 19. — James Dietrick, manager of an American mining company operating in Nicaragua, has lodged with Secretary Hay a vigorous protest against the action of the British Government in sending the warship Retribution to the Mosquito coast to coerce the loyal Nicaraguan officers. The State department has the protest under consideration.

Ovation to King Alfonso.

BARCELONA, April 19.—King Alfonso received a great ovation when leaving here today, accompanied by Premier Maura, for the Baleric isles.

CIUDADELA, Minorca, April 19.—The royal yacht Giralda, with King Alfonso on board, arrived here tonight.

Gathering Campaign Material.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 19.—The Duke of Sutherland spent today in Vancouver gathering material in aid of Chamberlain's fiscal campaign. He is chairman of the tariff league and thinks it will be only a question of time before Chamberlain's views are adopted.

Worth $100,000 and a Suicide.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., April 19.—Henry Eggert, an eccentric botanist, whose wealth is estimated at $100,000, was found dead today in his home. He had shot himself through the forehead with a revolver.

Ship Sold to Russia.

BERLIN, April 20.—The correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger at Genoa says the North German Lloyd steamship Maria Theresa has been sold to Russia and that the tourists and crew will continue the cruise on another vessel.

$10,000,000 Fire in Toronto

WHOLESALE DISTRICT ALMOST ENTIRELY WIPED OUT.

Flames Soon Get Utterly Beyond Control of Local Departmemt.

One Man Narrowly Escapes Death and Another Perishes in the Ruins.

City Still Burning and Help From Surrounding Cities Can't Reach There for Hours.

TORONTO, Ont., April 19.—Fire swept through a section of Toronto's wholesale business district tonight, causing a loss which probably will reach $10,000,000.

The fire started in a factory in Wellington street about 9 o'clock. In less than an hour the flames had spread from building to building on both sides of the street until the whole block was a mass of flames and the fire was utterly beyond control of the local department.

Appeals were sent to every surrounding city where fire apparatus could be obtained, asking for assistance. Montreal, London, Hamilton and Buffalo at once responded, but it will be hours before they can be of assistance.

Wind Suddenly Shifted.

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.

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.

From the Currie warehouse on Wellington street, where it originated, the fire spread with astounding rapidity to the west, destroying buildings occupied by the Eckhardt Casket company and Warwick Brothers & Rutter and W. J. Gage & Co., and then made a clean sweep up Wellington street to the Queen's hotel. The thick fire walls of the hotel and the concentrated efforts of the fire fighters stopped the flames there, but in the meantime the fire had swept across the street and the block of buildings from Bay street west to the National club was wiped out.

At that time the firemen believed that the fire was under control, when a shift in the wind sent the flames roaring down Bay street, destroying every building on both sides from the National club to Front street.

Nothing could resist the force of the flames as they swept down Bay street toward the lake, and the firemen fought back the fire from side streets, confining the fire zone to the one thoroughfare wherever possible.

Several frame buildings which threatened to cause a spread of the fire were blown up with dynamite.

At 1:30 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning Bay street was on fire from Wellington street down to the lake front, but the firemen were meeting with success in their efforts to prevent a further spread, and it is believed the fire will burn itself out there.

Buildings Destroyed.

Up to midnight the following places had been destroyed:

Gillespie, Angley & Co., hats and furs; Dignum & Moneypenny, importers; Comfort Soap works, Davis & Henderson, wholesale stationers; Jessop Steel company's building, occupied by R. B. Hutchinson & Co., wholesale woolens; Alcott, Sargent & Westwood, fishing tackle; Dodds Medicine company, Western Steamship company, Richard L. Baker company, agents; E. T. Corset company, C. H. Westwood & Co., fishing tackle; Garland Manufacturing company, F. H. Cragg, agent; Rothschilds Brothers & Co., manufacturers; C. W. Bangard & Co., brokers; Ritchie & Ramsey company, paper manufacturers; Thomas Hoskin, manufacturers' agent; Kinleith Paper company, Andrew Muirhead, wholesale paints; E. W. Gilmour & Brother, silverware; W. H. Payne & Co., commission agents; R. M. Slater & Co., wholesale dry goods; International Brokers, limited; Gale Manufacturing company, Whitman & Brown Brothers, wholesale stationers; Ralph Smith & Co., lithographers; George H. Hess Son & Co., window shades; Menzie's Manufacturing company, window shades; H. F. Sharp & Co., photograph supplies, Crown Hotel, Office Specialty company.

The Evening Telegram office and Brooke & Co.'s warehouse were badly damaged.

Among the buildings burned in Bay street were those of Wise & Darling, Westwood & Co., Galey & Co., Bond & Co., Askborn & Sherwin, Ainslee & Co., and Suckling & Co.

The warehouses of W. H. Brock & Co., Gordon, Mackay & Co., Pugsley, King & Co., Cockshutte & Co., and Brown Brothers were destroyed.

TORONTO, April 20, 2:35 a. m.—The fire is still burning fiercely in the two blocks bounded by Wellington street on the north and the waterfront, bounded on the east by Yonge street and on the west by Bay street. The firemen have arrived from London, Hamilton and Buffalo. The acting fire chief said at this hour that the fire virtually was under control, but there is still danger of it spreading further to the west.

TORONTO, Ont., April 19.—A disastrous fire is raging between Wellington and York streets in the business section of the city. At 9 o'clock the situation was serious; apparently the flames are beyond control. The telegraph offices are in the immediate neighborhood of the fire.

At 9:15 sparks started a blaze on the roof of the Queen hotel, two blocks from where the fire originated.

In the wholesale business district at 9:30 p. m., the premises of Ansley & Co., hats and caps, and the Comfort Soap works were totally destroyed and the warehouses of Brown Brothers, paper manufacturers, on the opposite side of the street, had become ignited.

Flames were also appearing in C. S. Currie's neckwear house and the adjoining buildings, occupied by Pugsley, Dingman & Co., soap manufacturers, and several other wholesale firms.

11:40 p. m.—The wind suddenly veered to the south, and the flames are running west on Wellington street again. W. R. Brook & Co., wholesale dry goods, and Warwick, Rutter & Co., stationery dealers, both large buildings, are on fire, and the Queen's hotel is also in great danger of destruction.

12:10 a. m.—The entire lower portion of Bay street to the lake front now seems doomed. The wholesale houses of Wild, Darling & Co., Gordon, McKay & Co., and other large buildings, have been destroyed. The loss is now estimated at $10,000,000.

1:45 a. m.—The fire is burning itself out in Bay street. The total loss will reach fully $10,000,000.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 19. —Two fire engines and twenty firemen left here at 11 o'clock to assist the fire fighters in Toronto. They will make the run in about four hours.

ALEXIEFF TO RETIRE FROM COMMAND IN EAST.

Emperor's Loss of Confidence in Viceroy Led to Resignation.

This Was Hastened by the Importuning of Vice-Admiral Skrydloff.

Who Urged That His Enemy Is Responsible for Russia's Many Misfortunes.

More Fighting Reported.

PARIS, April 20.—The Journal prints a dispatch from its correspondent at Yinkow, dated yesterday at 5 p. m., which says it is affirmed that a fresh battle is raging at Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19.—Viceroy Alexieff has applied by telegraph to the Emperor to be relieved of his position of Viceroy in the far East.

It is expected that the request will be immediately granted. While no official announcement has yet been made, there is reason to believe that the above statement is correct.

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 Makaroff in command of the Russian navy in the far East.

Vice-Admiral Skrydloff had an interview with the Emperor today and discussed with his Majesty the question of his (Skrydloff's) relations with Alexieff.

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 towards the Viceroy and Mr. Bezobrazoff, who represented the militant or advanced element, which was anxious that Russia should remain in Manchuria. It was due to these two men that the Anglo-Japanese entente first lost its friends. They believed that Great Britain would not go to war and that Japan could not do so. To the indignation of Japan they succeeded in turning the policy of the Empire from carrying out the treaty for the entire evacuation of Manchuria, pending further demands on China.

Alexieff a Bungler.

On August 12th last, after Japan had submitted an inquiry as to whether or not Russia was disposed to reopen the negotiations respecting Manchuria and Korea, a Viceroyalty in the far East, a special Secretary of State and an Advisory committee were created, Alexieff being appointed Viceroy and Bezobrazoff Secretary of State.

Seventeen days after these appointments were made M. Witte, who had been opposed to the policy of Alexieff and Bezobrazoff, was relieved of his portfolio as Minister of Finance.

It was through his new 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 confidence of the Czar, but the lack of preparedness of the Port Arthur fleet, as shown in the cases of the battleships Retvizan and Czarevitch, 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.

Body Blows for the Viceroy.

Viceroy Alexieff recommended the appointment of either Vice-Admiral Dubasoff or Vice-Admiral Makaroff to command the fleet in succession to Vice-Admiral Stark. The Emperor selected Makaroff 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, 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 ukaze, 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 Makaroff and Kuropatkin, but even this last shred of his dignity was removed when the two