

and M. Delcasse relative to orders to and M. Deleasse relative to orders to the French squadron in the far east. The officials here having done their utmost, are holding Admiral De Jon-quieres and other officers in Indo-China personally responsible for the execution of their orders.

The newspapers do not show a menacing attitude, nch naval critics maintain that

Japan's real intention is to induce France to drive Admiral Rojestvensky northward, thus assisting in the execu-tion of Admiral Togo's naval strategy. JAPANESE PRESS COMMENTS.

Tokio, May 10 .- The Jiji hopes that France will cease her flagrant and de-liberate breaches of her pledges of neutrality, in reference to the treatment accorded the Second Pacific squadron in French waters, and satis-faction is expressed at British repre-sentations to the government in Paris, showing that England is alive to the danger menacing Japanese interests. The Ninpon says that Proved inter-

The Nippon says that French inter-ests in Russia is more of a financial and economical character, than po-Rucal, and that the alliance between Rucal, and that the alliance between the countries has ceased to be of any practical benefit in Europe. It express-es the belief that France is upholding the alliance because her honor is pledged diplomatically.

LOEB'S LUCKY ESCAPE.

Not Served With Summons in Suit of Mae Wood.

lissouri Valley, Ia., May 9 .-- William JFo secretary to the president, safely through Nebraska with DARROL being served with summons in an action filed by Miss Mae Wood, de-mending \$55,000 on a charge of conspir-ing to deprive her of certain missives alleged to have been written to her by a United States senator. The secre-tary's escape from service was the result of a change in the initerary of the presidential special by which the train was transferred to the tracks of the Elikhern division of the Chicago & train was transferred to the tracks of the Eikhern division of the Chicago & Northwestern at Fremont, Neb., and run te Missouri Valley, Ia., where con-mection was made with the main line. The change left Douglas county, Ne-braska, and the sheriff with his sum-mons about 30 miles off the route of the special. No announcement had been made of the altered plans until



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made in a brief filed in the New York state supreme court in Brooklyn today by counsel for the Equitable society, as defendant in the suit of Franklin B. Lord to prevent the mutualization of the society. It discusses the right of the legislature to intervene in the arfairs of the society and on that question

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asserts: "In the case of a life insurance com-pany conducted on the mutual plan, as is the Equitable Life Assurance soci-ety, the real parties in interest are the policyholders, and the legislature has the undoubted right to give the policy-holders the control of their own inter-cets." the advent of settled weather a decided betterment of conditions may be looked for. At that time, too, the present era of insignificant skirmishing and recon-naissance work may be expected to give way to really serious operations.

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concerning the allegation that Mr. Alexander had been derelict in his duty as trustee of the Equitable stock held by the Hyde estate, the brief as-"Any charge that Mr. Alexander has in any way wronged Mr. Hyde is ab-solutely without foundation."

A SHOOTING IN TEXAS. W. T. Eldridge Shoots and Kills Edward Calhoun on a Train. Houston, Tex., May 9 .--- Edward Calhoun was shot and killed on board an incoming San Antonio & Aransas Pasa train at Wallis today by W. T. Eldridge

of San Antonio, Tex., formerly vice-president and general manager of the Cane Belt railroad. Calhoun is a brother-in-law of Captain William O. Donovant, who was killed by Eldridge about three years age on a passenger train on the same road. Eldridge was recently acquitted of murdering Capt. Donovant.

Denovant. Today's tragedy grew out of the murder of Denovant and subsequent attempts made upon the life of El-dridge, Eldridge was shot through the lungs by an unknown party, but recov-ered. Dissension over the control of the Cane Belt railroad in which El-dridge and Denovant was failed by the Cane bert rainond in which El-dridge and Donovant were jointly in-terested resulted in the killing of Don-ovan, since which time a feud is said to have existed between relatives of the deceased and Eldridge. All of the par-ties are prominent.



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included, are now living in tents, va-rious considerations rendering the housing of the men in huts impracti-cable, though the dampness of the ground and the elimatic conditions are not especially favorable to life under canvas. A great deal of discomfort is the result. Difficulties in provisioning the troops, due to various complica-tions which cannot be touched upon, add to the onerousness of life, but with the advent of settled weather a docided betterment of conditions may be looked tea good. booklet; How To Make Good Tea.



Broker Firm Bankrupt. New York, May 9 .-- On complaint o New York, May 9.--On complaint of Wriggway Bowker, of Camden, N. J., Judge Lacombe today appointed Walter D. Edmunds of New York, and James D. Colt of Foston, receivers in this state of the Hsight & Freese company. Roger Foster, counsel for the re-ceivers, charges that the Haight & Freese company is insolvent; that it has for a long period been converded by bas for a long period been engaged in fletitious brokerage transactions. It is further charged that members of the company have been guilty of misuse of its assets. The receiver, Edmunds, was in charge of the company's main





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