

son of a Russian general of German extraction. He entered the ministry of finance when 20 years of age and was credited with being a disciple of M. DeWitte, whom he succeeded as minister of finance. In December last M. Pleske became seriously ill as the result of an injury to his spine in a carriage accident some time previous and was obliged to undergo an operation and in January of this year was said to be dying, peritonitis having set in. He was at that time relieved from

Washington, May 9.—The state department has received a cablegram from United States Commercial Agent Green at Vladivostok, stating that the British merchant ship Ettrickdale had sailed from Vladivostok Saturday for a Japanese port with 326 Japanese refugees who had been picked up at Korsakoff on the island of Sakhalin. The cablegram does not give the name of the Japanese port at which the Ettrickdale will be passengers.

Dr. Boyle of Pittsburgh, did not think the general conference "should lower its dignity" by going into the private business of its general officers, and investigating their private accounts.

William Axtell, a local saloonkeeper, was shot and killed last night by three unknown men who tried to hold up the saloon, which was empty at the time. The murderers escaped securing nothing.

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### Up Goes Meat Prices.

Moscow, May 2.—The price of meat has risen 25 per cent. owing to the heavy shipments to the far east.

but keeps a record of the people who have entered the new lands and how much they owe the government. The lands they have taken. The reservation lands to be disposed of are to be opened to the public free of charge as was done in Oklahoma at other places several years ago but will be sold at a fixed price. The following facts show in brief the opportunity for

the weather office today. This will be gratifying to the farmers who are anxious for clear and settled weather that their crops may get a good start.

on Mukden, Harbin or Vladivostok."