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PETERSBURG, May 18 .- The ie of the first encounter beveen the monarch and the reprees of the people hangs for the n the balance. Though the repve chamber of parmament and n reply to the speech from the no answer has been given to dress and none is expected be-iday. President Morontheff, hoped to obtain an audience emperor today for the presen-the address of the lower eived instead an invitation to birthday luncheon at Peterhoff w, an official function to which er high functionaries have been He is likely to be given an before Monday.

said the president was informed, that the Imperial reply, which delivered through the medium peech by Premier Goremkyn, y at the first session of the after President Morontheiff has eived at Peterhoff, will, as al-redicted, be temperate and deseeking to avoid occasion of but on the other hand not conmany respects has attempted age the Imperial prerogative. On coints the response will be calm. ints the response will be calm-peror will regard it simply as ions of the policy of parliament do not require Imperial notice resented in the course of legisla?

egard to the expected amnesty seociated Press learns that the though it has discussed the a matter of the emperor's per-

seeking to prove that an impe t November, and the present rehundreds of those who had been
tratively detained. This was
w of the reactionary faction of cil of the empire who presented amnesty.

RIAL BANK STATEMENT.

nto, May 18.—The Imperial statement which covers the months ended April 30, 1906, profits were \$535,786, against 1 for the full twelve months May 31, 1905, an increase The premiums received The premiums received on ock was \$927,741, which was rred in bulk to reserve, bring t account up to \$3,927.741, paidpremises, and \$276,896 carried to profit and loss. Deposits early \$5,000,000 and loans at

ook of British Columbia .- This debook of British Columbia. The title of the latest bulletin to be by the provincial bureau of intion. It is a well illustrated late of some 70 pages, and conchapters dealing with all the chapters dealing with all al industries and attractions vince. Distribution will be large-through the office of the agent-

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Entire Lower Part of Tanana Town Reduced to Mass of Ruins.

FIRE SWEEPS ENTIRE CITY

The Property Loss Estimated at \$2,000,000 --- Fight for the Food Supply.

A special to the Seattle Post-Intel-ligencer from Casey Moran, a well known Alaskan, gives the following details of the destruction of Fairbanks, Alaska by fire: "Fairbanks is in ruins. The entire business district has been burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at \$2,000,000.

"The only sensational feature of the fire was the escape of Thomas Mc-Gowan, attorney for the Northern Commercial company, who had offices in the second story of the Washington-AlaskaRich Strike on Kootenay

bank building.

"A thousand people saw the flames creep upon him, and there were cries at jump, but even with his tout

The markable. "Every kind of a conveyance was pressed into service and the correspondent of the Post-Intelligencer even saw pack animals utilized when vehicles could not be obtained. McGowan's Coat Burned "The only sensational feature of the AND ITS VICINITY

of jumps but even with his special burned to a crisp he waited until a ladder was provided for his escape.

Extent of Devastation

"From Sargent & Pinska's store to the west end of the Gilsey house on the east and on Cushman street and lagar hack to Third avenue, there is

New York, May 23.—Edward Payburned to the ground. The loss is estimated at \$2,000,000. The fires are still burning, but a spirit
prevails which means that the town will
be built larger and better. It was a
terrible blow to the city, and the shouldees of the men who suffered will long
be burdened, but they have a spirit like
the men of Seattle and San Francisco,
and already, three hours after the fire,
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"No one can tell how the fire originated. It was not ten minutes until the
Fairbanks block was a mass of flames.
The few paid firemen could not overcome the start the flames had secured
by the time they arrived. It was not
fifteen minutes before they were compelled to retreat and begin the fight to
save the corresponding to the camp.

Fight for Food Supply

"By concentrating several streams on
the one-story buildings on Turner street,
they were able to stop the flames going
west, but not before the Northern commercial company's buildings were heated almost to ignition.

The court house and federal jail were
destroyed. The only bank left is that
of the Fribanks Banking company.

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THE INSURANCE COMMISSION.

Assistant Actuary of North American
Life in Witness Box.

Toronto, Ont., May 23.—D. E. Kilgour, assistant actuary of the North American Life Assurance company since 1900, was put in the witness box at the insurance commission this morning. He was examined as to the systems used by the company for the distribution of profits. He said that as far as he knew no record had been kept of the basis upon which profits were divided previous to 1900. He had not considered the keeping of such records of great importance, and they were the probably destroyed.

and in three years got \$58,000 from the department for work which he had been the had neither type nor presses.

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It is believed at Nicolaiefsk that salvage of the steamer will be possible, if she is not crushed when the ice breaks.

The arms and ammunition on board the vessel are valued at over two millions of

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