NOT SO SERIOUS AS SUPPOSED AT FIRST

A Couple of Holes and a Damaged Keel Only Disfigurement to

element, the hull of the cruiser Flora presents no such picture of disfigurement the ship's experiences on the rocks at | find, at 101 above. the cruiser lying on the rocks at an angle of on foot in five and of the huge towing

a point below the bridge and extending keel presents a jagged appearance.

But only in one spot does a twisted plate project, as ripped from its fasten-

feet square, and it appears well out from the keel a little abaft the bridge. About twenty feet forward of this again similar damage is seen, and the whole indicates that the criuser was exceedingly fortunate in striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly protected by the wooden sheathing which the striking and the wooden sheathing which the striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly protected by the wooden sheathing which the striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly protected by the wooden sheathing which the striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly protected by the wooden sheathing which the striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and furthermore that she was greatly striking a smooth surface of rock, and the whole as tistactory.

There was a large attendance, both described the drilling on the whole as distinctory.

There was such good shape. It is probable that a couple of months will see her affoat again. To get everything ship-like o board, however, will be about as big an undertaking as that of the repairs to the hull, for in the after cabins and on deck everything is in a state of confusion. The keel broken is a false one, and if the damage does not extend too far upward repairs can be easily effected.

Regarding the fog in which the ship stranded, and which has been so widely discussed, it is now learned that the Fiora encountered it after starting out known on which side of the Sound the ship was, the officers on the bridge believing that when they saw Village Defrom Union. It settled over the vessel ceed to the Far East, so densely that for a time it was not lieving that when they saw Village Point reacon they were opposite Base flats two miles farther on the course and on the other side of the channel. The moment the ship struck the atmosphere cleared, and everything was done to free the vessel, but without avail.

The scuttles through which the water shooded when she settled beneath the water are in the stern end of the ship, and not those on the side of the vessel Fresh air into the cabins.

Lord Dundonald spent Tuesday morning ganization of the new company is to promote trade relations with China, the

The following ladies and gentlemen had the honor of being invited to dine at Government House last night to meet the Earl of Dundonald: Rear Admiral and Mrs. A, K. Bickford, Mrs. Oliver, the Bishop of Speyside Camp Give a Delightful En-Columbia and Miss Perrin, the Hon. W. and Mrs. Templeman, the Hon. Chief Justice and Mrs. Hunter. Commodore and Mrs. J. E. C. Goodrich, the Hon. Richard and Mrs McBride the Hon C. E. and Mrs. Pooley, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. McCandless, Colonel and Mrs. Holmes, Mac a decided success. Lucre was a the establishment strength. The establishm Colonel Evans, C. B., D. O. C., Lieut.-Col. performing the duties in a most accept-performing the duties in a most acceptation, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Hall, Combandary and the duties in a most acceptation of the duties in a most acceptation of the duties of the duties in a most acceptation. mander and Mrs. Parry, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. A. W. Jones, Lieut.-Col. Denny, Major and Mrs. Bland, Major and Mrs. J. C. L. Black, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vernon.

C. L. Black, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vernon. C. L. Black, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vernon, Kinnaird. Miss Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gillespie, Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Jones, Mrs. and Miss Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burton, Miss Boswell, Captain Newton, A. D. C., Mr. also gave a number of pianoforte selec-Boswell, Captain Newton, A. D. C., Mar. C. H. Pollen, Lieutenant G. V. Knox, R. V. Mr. McAllister, Captain B. H. Tyrwhitt-Wille the musical part of the Wille the musical part of the second control o Drake, A. D. C., and Mr. R. B. Powell, private secretary.

A. O. U. W. MEETINGS.

Nominated-Elections on 28th.

Monday evening. After the transaction of cluded for the ensuing term as follows: Past Master, A. W. Mesher; Master Workman, W. Hancock, Foreman, W. H. Trousdale; Overseer, C. W. Kirk; Recorder, F. Shake-speare; Financier, A. Clarke; Receiver, A Semple. C. W. Kirk was unanimo selected as grand ledge representative. Officers were also nominated at a meeting of Banner ledge. A. O. U. W., held last evening. They are as follows: Past Master F. B. Rivers and T. F. Gold: Foreman, H corder, D. S. Gray; Financier, W. J. lodge representative. After this business smoker and whist party was neld. The election of officers of both the Western Star and Banner lodges will take place

It has been decided to holl a special ses-

sion of the grand lodge on Friday, January

New Mining District Is Being Rapidly Taken Up-Over Thirteen Hundred Claims Recorded.

According to a recent arrival from cations made in the new district, in cluding 190 on Bullion, 80 on Sheep, 54 on Metalline, 875 on Ruby, Fourth of July and other streams. There are nine creeks tributary to Bullion, viz., Patsy, on the left limit at 35 below; Stick, on the right at 25 below; Kloo, at 15 below on the left; Metalline, entering at the canyon just above discovery; Tunnel, at 81 above; Liberty, at 111 above, and Cinnabar, at 133 above, all on the left limit. Metalline has two tributarie Multimetal on the right and Braxy on Seen in dry dock out of its natural the left, emptying into the creek at 36 above and 40 above respectively. Sheep creek has three pups which enter on presents no such picture of disfigurement as would be reasonably expected from the left limit, Musket at 48 above, Snowshoe at 76 above and Lamb, a recent

Village Point, Denman Island. The in- Klondike has gone to work for the juries are not nearly so serious as might be supposed by those who had read of way that next summer she will fully maintain if not exceed her output of ten millions for the summer of 1903. The of average means.

Mayo lake, which has leaped into Mayo lake, which has leafed to congratulated Letter-Colonics than a prominence since last August, as the enchanted upper Stewart lake, fringed with gold-bearing streams, is to be supposed to be supposed to the smart appearance of the regiment, and while criticising the unsteadiness of club should be in full swing.

Referring to the cadet corps Lord Referring to the cadet corps plate project, as ripped from its fastenings. This spot is probably two or three Tom Curry, manager of the Davis store, in the Duncan district, has bought the the keel a little abaft the bridge. About finest and most elegantly fitted gasoline.

surrounds the hull. This is about four it.ches in thickness; therefore the exact character of the injuries sustained are character of the injuries sustained are hard to estimate except from expert examination. Officers of the ship were agreeably surprised to find the ship in ground and the ship in ground and the ship were agreeably surprised to find the ship in ground and the ground and the ship in ground and the ship in ground and the ground and the ship in ground and the ground an

OUTBOUND LINER.

Ivo Maru Sailed Tuesday Afternoon Interesting Plan of Chinese Passenger.

wharf for China and Japan this afternoon. The Iyo Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, arrived here about noon from the Sound, and after taking on a number of Chinamen and mail will produce the regiment presented arms, and the band rendered the general salute.

D. C., and Capt. In this intention was that all attending should undergo a thorough course of military training. Lectures were to be delivered and licensed to carry on business without the Province of British Columbia.

The head office of the Company is situate at Rothesay, in the County of King's, New terms with the province of the Company is situate at Rothesay, in the County of King's, New terms with the province of the Company is situate at Rothesay, in the County of King's, New terms with the province of the Company is situate at Rothesay, in the County of King's, New terms with the province of the Company is situate at Rothesay, in the County of King's, New terms with the province of the Company is situate at Rothesay, in the County of King's, New terms with the company is situate at Rothesay, in the County of King's, New terms with the company is situate at Rothesay, in the County of King's, New terms with the company is situate at Rothesay, in the County of King's, New terms with the companies of this carried the companies and the chief; Capt. Newton, A. D. C., and Capt.

Jones, of the Ordinance Store Corps.

Upon his appearance the regiment presented arms, and the band rendered the general salute.

Company, is on his way to Hongkong to there participate in the organization of the China Mercantile Company. The courrements, Those who were medals company is to be organized by Chinese were honored with a few congratulatory add's address the armories of the variance of the varianc in sympathy with the Chinese Reform Association's work. The mercantile com-Association's work. The mercantile company will first establish a big bank in Hongkong. After that institution has been placed on its feet the company intends to enter a general exporting and importing business, to erect a college and to eventually enter into the culture of to eventually enter into the culture of crops adaptable to the Chinese condi-

tions. A concession embracing several INSPECTING THE WORKS.

Earl of Dundonald at Esquimant and Work
Point on Tuesday.

Lord Dundonald spent Tuesday morning

While the principal object in the organization of the new company, is to

Inspecting the fortification works at Work Point and Esquimalt. This evening he will inspect the Fifth Regiment at the drill hall.

Yesterday afternoon he visited the parliament buildings and other points of interest about the city.

Lord Dundonald is accompanied by Lieut.

Gol. Denny, head of the military intelligence department of Canada; Col. Evans, Lord Dundonald, Col. Evans, Lord Dundonald; Col. Evans, Col. Denny, head of the military intelligence department of Canada; Col. Evans, Lord Dundonald mote and which will publish those foreign books which are selected by the about the effective of the corps in rifle shooting be continued.

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Later in the evening he was shown the equipment for gallery shooting, which he inspected with considerable interest.

Among those in attendance during the inspection were His Honor the Lieut.

Governor and his secretary, Robt. B. Powell.

A reception was held afterwards, when noticeable among the men in the ranks, and generally for other with the appearance of the was shown the of with was followed by an exhibition with the corps in rifle shooting.

To mine, curry for sale by any process, and to self and the rowers in the levening he was shown the countrie

SCOTTISH CONCERT.

tertainment in Sir William Wallace Hall Monday.

The Scottish concert given on Monday by Speyside Camp, Sons of Scotland, with volunteers. He understood of the day by Speyside Camp, Sons of Scotland, other hand that it was about 80 below the establishment strength. He regret-

J. G. Brown sang "John Grumlie" and "The Laird o' Cockpen." Mrs. Lewis

gramme was excellent it was well balanced by the literary side. An excellent address upon the aims of the society was given by Rev.W. Lesley Clay. B.A. W. Houston recited in splendid style "Prince Officers of Western Star and Banner Lodges | Charlie on the Anniversary of Culloden' A largely attended meeting of Western 8tar lodge, No. 7, A. O. U. W., was held from Dr. Drummond's works, and included "Mister Smit" and "Jean Baptiste Trudeau."

The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

In Fights Which Have Occurred on the Russo-Persian Frontier.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—Sanguinary onflicts between Persians and Turkomans are reported to have occurred on tween customs officers and Turkomans followed the establishment of Persian custom houses, and resulted in killing on both sides. The governor of Astravened, and refused an indemnity offered by the Turcomon Khans. In the fight-ing which ensued both sides sustained

VICTORIA'S IMPORTANCE FROM MILITARY VIEW

At Parade of Fifth Regiment Lord Dundonald Pointed Out Necessity for Having Strong Corps Here.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Last evening the Fifth Regiment was 1 it was generally the working class, men inspected by Major-General, Lord Dun-donald, general officer commanding the joined, while those with plenty of leisure Canadian militia forces, at the drill hall.

After a careful scrutiny of the officers

Continuing, he said that anyone with of the ship aft the paint has hardly been of the rough prospectors and mining men of the ship aft the point has hardly been of a years means. military matters of importance. He upon to take part in the defence. It was congratulated Lieut.-Colonel Hall upon important, therefore, that all should have

the regiment was formed in line, facing of military matters. It was the duty of the officers' quarters. The band was all men to prepare themselves for the de-

tationed in the rear.

About 8.30 o'clock Lord Dundonald became necessary. The samrtest corps entered the hall attended by Lieut.-Col. were those made up of men selected from Denny, of the military intelligence de-the cadets. partment of Canada; Colonel Evans, C.
B., D. O. C., Winnipeg; Colonel Holmes, posal of forming a central camp for in There will be a sailing from the outer D. O. C., Victoria; Colonel McAllister, struction purposes near Ottawa. Speak-tharf for China and Japan this after-private secretary to the commander-in- ing of this Lord Dundonald said that

general salute.

Lord Dundonald accompanied by Lieut. Colonel Hall then made the usual inspection. Starting from the right hand man in the front column he carefully examined each man's uniform and accompany are supported by the contraction of the con words.

as it might be. The majority of the men The commander in chief left this m were well set up, but there were some ing for Vancouver by the S.S Quadra, who would be improved by gymnastic excise. The latter are probably employed in indoor work.

While appreciating the fact that many acrifices were made by those becoming 3; rank and fine, 28. Total, 32. itizen soldiers, he claimed that in Victoria the regiment should be overflowing 3; rank and file, 17. Total, 25. with volunteers. He understood on the No. 4 Company—Officers, 2: other hand that it was about 80 below 4; rank and file, 19. Total, 25. and it was necessary that an exception-

heavy losses. The reports say the Persian troops were defeated and retired to Astrabad.

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The parade state follows:

4: rank and file, 37. Total, 43.

No. 2 Company-Officers, 1; seregar

No. 6 Company—Officers, 1; sergeants 3; rank and file, 18. Total, 22.

ted this. Esquimalt was a most important point in the defence of the Empire, and it was necessary that an exceptionally efficient volunteer corps should, be located at a point of such vital importance. In his, tour of inspection he had noticed that at some points the ranks were overflowing, and at others the opposed in the proposed in the proposed of the proposed in the proposed of the prairies Colon, Dec. 16.—The United States accused of the act, whereupon he was dismissed. Expecting soon to receive the numbering 330, this morning. They all latar cup in his transported to Empire station, near obtained leave to go on a pilgrimage proceeded to Empire station, near obtained leave to go on a pilgrimage from Teheran, whence he field to the numbering 330, this morning. They all | fatal cup in his turn, he asked for and

Three People Perished in Fire, Which Destroyed Residence, Meat Market and Dry Goods Store.

Bradwood, Ill., Dec. 15 .- Mrs. J. Meror Smith, her daughter, and Frank mith, a clerk, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the meat market and residence and the dry goods store of

Supposed Incendiarism.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15 .- The plant of ie Defiance Clothing Co. was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire is thought to be the work of an incendiary, who had the building within a week. The loss is said to he \$60,000. Half Million Damages.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 15.—It is now elieved that Rochester's loss from the fire of this morning will reach half a million dollars, about fifty per cent. being covered by insurance. The fire broke ou shorty after midnight, when it was dis overed bursting from the top story o the Foster & Armstrong piano factory in Commercial street. The firemen had just and men the regiment was put through a knowledge of the coast to be defended a number of battalion movements. Lord must recognize the importance of a factory made good headway, and the efforts of the department to check their progress was of no avail, although they were prevented from spreading to nearby buildings. A few minutes later the wall fell. Fire was discovered in the shoe factory of Williams, Hoyt & Co., and a few minutes later a fresh fire started in the Wendell Piano Factory at Central venue and Water street. The Foster and Williams & Hoyt fires were extinguish after hard labor, but the fire in the Wen dell plant was still burning, and this morning the firemen are fearful that the blaze will get beyond their control. It seems impossible to get at the seat of the opinion that the fires were started by in

> There are 4,702 lawyers in Chicago. The twelvemonth was 320.

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vantage of this opportunity would be at Rothesay are made as comfortable as possible. He Brunswick.

ous companies were inspected, after-which the regiment was dismissed.

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies as they might have been, although the men acquitted themselves well. The company drills were more satisfactory, each detachment acting in a manner highly creditable to their respective officers.

A squad of men from No. 1 Company was then called upon to go through the field gun drill. The gun was prepared for action without loss of time, and was put away with equal promptitude. This was followed by an exhibition with the

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The jury reported ters under considera DETECTION OF M. Bertillon's New S a Suc

Paris, Dec. 17.-M. pert criminologist, has system for the detec Heretofore photos ha for the detection, of a detectives will be tau physiognomy for three features, each of whice cal value. Photogray measurements taken t tem will, it is claim tive to make any mi fication or detection of tofore the errors ma 70 per cent., while a lon's new system has to 1 per cent.

AUTOMOBII Contest For the Jam Trophy Will Ta

Paris, Dec. 17.-At the representatives clubs of eight nation miles long. It was for

that the race for the J nett cup shall take p 7th and July 15th ne machines can be dri the door to professi