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# The Semi-Weekly Colonist,

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S. S. Oceana, with \$5,000,000

of Lives Lost

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Off Beachy Head-Number

VESSEL UNSUCCESSFUL

Steamer Bound for Bombay

was on Her Last Voyage-

German Barque Badly Dam-

NEWHAVEN, Eng., March 16 .- Four

assengers and several sailors are be-

lieved to have been drowned this morn-ing as a result of a collision between

and the German barque Pisagua, off

Beachy Head, in the English Channel.

The Oceana had on board \$5,000,000 in

forty-one passengers and of the 280 men of her crew were placed in danger. Twenty-eight of the passengers were landed here and nine at Eastbourne in

small boats, but it is feared that the others have been drowned, together with some of the Lascar crew, by the

capsizing of a boat which was transferring them to a cross-channel steam

er standing by.

The Oceana was bound from London
to Bombay. She was proceeding down
the English Channel when the barque
smashed into her broadside on and

The passengers and steamer's officers behaved with great calmness, but the crew. composed of Lascars, was panic-stricken and delayed the lowering of the

Boats lowered from a cross-channel

passengers. The boats were sent out from shore in reply to signals of dis-tress. An attempt was first made to beach the Oceana, but she sank too quickly

The collision occurred while the pas-sengers were in their berths. The

water rushed in so quickly that the Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.

Indecisive Engagement at Go-

Number of Casualties

REFUGEES BRING

from the country.

mez Palcio-Volunteers Re-

EL PASO, Tex., March 16 .- Word was

eceived here tonight that General Pan-

cho Villa, the federal leader in the La-guna district, had been captured and or-

dered shot, and that a severe battle was

fought at Gomez Palcio a week ago

Twenty-two hundred foreigners in the

district are said to be trying to escape

News of the battle was brought by

three refugee Americans, the vanguard

of the French, Germans and other for-eigners who are fleeing from Mexico. Thirty-eight federal volunteers and ten rebels were killed in the fighting, it was

reported. The engagement was not de-

street car. The latter was, and still is,

in the hands of the so-called Liberals or rebels, while the former is in the

Pablo Lavine, a federal officer, was

it is said, discovered to have been tak-ing rifles and ammunition from Tor-

reen to Gome Palcie, and it was decided

to attack Gomez Palco at once. A force

of 2,000 federal volunteers were assem-

bled for the purpose. The regulars, numbering 1800 men, declared that they

would not leave the city to the danger

met on the outskirts of Gomez Palcio,

volunteers retreated back tonight to

DOUGLAS, Az., March 16 .- It was re-

ported tonight that the federal garrison at Hermosillo, capital of the state of Sonoro, Mexico, had mutinied and the governor was a prisoner. No details were received.

hands of government troops.

NEWS OF BATTLE

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For some time the lives of the liner's

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VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1912

FIFTY-THIRD YEAR

# TAKES MEASURE

Premier McBride Addresses Greenwood Audience-Answers Interruptors Who Advocate Ideals of Karl Marx

DECLARATION ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Matter Which Government is Not Prepared to Deal With Yet - Fortnightly Wage

GREENWOOD, B. C., March 16 .-The week-end finds the Premier and Attorney-General keeping all appointments on schedule time. The party left Rossland this morning and arrived in Grand Forks shortly after noon, where hey were met by Ernest Miller, M. P. P-elect who introduced several delegations. The Premier also held an informal reception and met many towns-

The Great Northern train was taken to Midway, J. R. Jackson, the conservative candidate, and Mr. Miller accompanying the party. Mr. Warren, general manager of the Greenwood Smelter, received the Premier and Attorney-General, whom he met several miles out of Greenwood, the rest of the party following in another car.

In Greenwood all opinion is in favor of Jackson, the only question being the majority he will receive over George Heatherton, his socialist opponent. Heatherton is the man who is reported to have said at the B. C. Federation of Labor convention in Victoria, "That the only salvation for the workingman was socialism or dynamite." It is conceded will lose his deposit.

The ministers leave here tomorrow, toling aropa is for Keen and from there they drive to Penticton so as to be in Okanagan Monday.

Tilt With Socialists

The Premier had a sharp tilt with the socialists at the meeting here tonight. Mr. Heatherton, the socialist candidate, wished to know if he could take the platform. The Premier replied that the opera house would be vacant the rest of the week and the socialists could

"But you won't be here," said some-

"No, I won't be here," said the Premier, sharply, "and I don't propose tonight to sit and listen to a lot of humdrum and rattletrap such as the socialists talk. To listen to the blue uin talk of some of the socialists, one would wonder that British Columbia was on the map at all."

voice cried out: "Hot air." "Yes sir," said the Premier, "Socialism is 'hot air' and that is why it has so that after March 28th there will not be a single socialist left in the legislature. The people are getting tired of distening to the same old story and putting up monthly dues to support a lot of itinerants filled with 'Karl Marx and Wiltshire.'

A socialist said he thought it hardly fair of the premier to talk in that way after refusing the platform to the

"If my friend does not wish to hear servations," said the premier, there is no obligation on him to stay I have not come here to plead the socialist cause but have come rather to show those who still cling to it how insane it would be to follow those fanciful doctrines when there is so much Work to be done"

He added that the socialists tried to spread the propaganda by holding forth night after night on every occasion That was why there were socialists running in ridings where no Liberals were running. But there was as much chance of establishing a Socialist government as there was of building a railroad from the earth to the moon. (Laughter.) Luckily only a small portion of the workmen embraced the socialists' views A voice-"The rest have not woke

"The rest have not spoke up," said the premier. "They have been attending to business while the socialists do a heap of talking.

So much for my socialist friends No doubt next week this hall will be crowded nightly to hear the propa-gation of their woes." (Laughter). The premier then dealt with the fortnightly wage bill which the governnent did mot consider practicable. Mr. eatherton from the gallery, said the quest had come from the B. C. Fed-

ration of Labor representing 10,000 ich. The premier repeated that the Overnment must consider how it would apply to the whole province as it was not practicable in out of the way places, out it would be investigated by a labor mmission.

Another man asked why the govern ment did not pay the men who had orked on the plans of the Midway and Vernon Railway, now taken over by the vettle Valley Co.

.The premier replied the government id not look after every little case, but as far as possible would try to pay off the debts on the old road.

answer to questions by another man, the premier said he believed the Continued on Page 2, Col. 5.

### BOMB OUTRAGE

Deadly Missive Sent to New York Judge

NEW YORK, March 16 .- An attempt to kill Judge Otta A. Rosalsky, of the Court of General Sessions with a bomb proved unsuccessful tonight. It was only a defect, said to be a small accumulation of dirt, in the mechanism of the infernal machine, which the justice un-suspectingly had opened, that saved him from probable death or certain injury. The bomb later exploded while being examined by Inspector Owen Egan, of the Bureau of Combustibles, seriously wounding him about the face and arms.

The intended victim of the explosion has been given a great deal of publicity in connection with the Folks E. Brandt case. It was Justice Rosalsky who sentenced Brandt to a thirty year term for the burglary of M. L. Chiffs home in 1907, and who recently reversed his action. At a late hour tonight there had been no clue as to the identity of the senders of the explosive.

## WRECK OFF MOROCCO

Two People Drown When German Steamer Axenfels Goes Ashore

LONDON, March 16 .- The German steamer Axenfels, which sailed from Rangoon for Hamburg on l'ebruary 1, is ashore near Cires Point, Morocco, according to advices received here today. Two persons are reported drowned, but Ceuta. The vessel is damaged badly.

Has Great Scheme for the Establishment of Cities in B.C. on Lines of Famous British Centres of Industry

Sir William Bull, M. P., for Hammermit Pegland, who was recordy fin the city of Victoria in connection with heavy investments which he proposed to make in Red Deer, Alberta, for the development of that centre along industrial lines, has now returned to London to complete arrangements for the establishments of several indus-tries in the new centre. In addition to that Sir William has allied himself with a British Columbia trust company, of which organization he has agreed to become a director, together with Mr. W. P. Bull, K. C. of Toronto, in consequence of which action it may be taken for granted that heavy investments will also be made in this city and on the island. In fact, while no and on the island. In fact, while no definits announcement of policy can yet be made, it is stated with some authority that it is the intention of Sir William to establish another Hammersmith on Vancouver island on one of the new railway lines.

With the city of Victoria and its pos-sibilities for investment Sir William was greatly impressed and before leav-ing for home he stated that it was his intention to return here again before next winter so that he could make arrangements for investing some capi-tal. He has a plan, which when materialized, will make certain portions of Vancouver Island pocket additions of industrial England; and while capital will be the dominating influence of the movement, sentiment will also have a place, the place names of the unborn towns being taken from well known centres in the old country. In Great Britain at the present time there is a ring of prominent financiers, most of whom are members of parliament and closely identified with one form or another of the leading industries of the country, and it is understood that they have a scheme for re-establishing themselves throughout British Columbia within the next few years. By the adoption of this course it is claimed that not only will the Pacific coast get the industries but they will also get the population as an integral part of the scheme is to draft a large number of the experienced employees out here also.

## Sir William at Head

Sir William Bull himself is believed to be at the head of the movement. He is understood to have stated that within the ensuing 12 months the firm of which he is head will have something like one million dollars running loose from mortgages and other sources, the major portion of which he intends investing on Vancouver Island. A considerable proportion of that sum was intended for investment in India and Australia, the colonies with which, until recently Sir William was most familiar, but on his recent visit here he was so much impressed with the su-perior opportunities of this country that he has decided to divert as much of it as possible. More than that, several of his friends who were on the eve of leaving London for Australia in quest of investment fields, have received notice from Sir William to remain at home until he arrives so that he may be able to give them the benefit of his experiences in Western Canada. Fearing that they might leave before he could reach home Sir William took the pre-caution to cable them and they are new awaiting his arrival. .

It may not be senerally known that

Blames Great Northern ST. PAUL, March 16.—Placing upon the Great Northern Railway the blame for trouble with the Brotherhood of Carmen Union, John H. Walters of Helena. Montana, grand deputy of union, issued the implied threat today that should a strike be called, the carmen will not be alone in their struggle. Sir William Bull is one of the indus-trial kings of Great Britain. He is very largely interested in a series of foundries, cement works and other Continued on Page 2, Col. 4,

## SCHOONER WRECK; TEN MEN DROWN

SHELBOURNE, N. S., March 16.—Ten men were drowned when the fishing schooner Patrician was wrecked on Dull Rock, ten miles off Jordan Bay, Shelbourne, last night. They were Captain William Harding and nine members of the orew of the Patrician. Their fate was told by the survivors of the schooner when early today they reached Jordan.

## FEAR COMPETITION

U. S. Capitalists Want Guarantees Ba-fore Improving Harbor Facilities at Jamaican Port

KINGSTON, March 16,-Negotiation between the local government and repre-sentatives of American capitalists in regard to dry dock and improved shipping facilities at Kingston in order to meet the Panama Canal trade have been discontinued. The Americans intimated that they wanted guarantees against competition before final arrangements should be made. The government asked them to state the precise nature of the guarantees required, and they declined to continue the negotiations on this ground. The company was willing to spend \$1.500,000.

Hon, D. Hazen Leaves in a Few Weeks to Hold Consultation with British Admiralty -Premier May Follow

OTTAWA, March 16.—It is possible that shortly after the session is over Premier Borden will leave on a trip to England. His plans are not definitely made, however, and this cannot stated definitely.

Hon. J. D. Hazen will leave for London at the end of the month to confer with the admiralty in regard to Can-

ada's naval plans.

Hon, R. Rogers, minister of the interior, also proposes to visit Great Brit-ain this summer in connection with immigration matters and other government business.

Several of the ministers propose to visit the West during the parliamentary

## STRIKE RIOT

treat to Torreon, Leaving a hundred policemen, sheriffs and state police patroled the streets of South Barre tonight, guarding the building of the Barre wool combine companies and the station from possible attack by striking mill operatives. From the roof of the cotton plant a big searchlight was kept playing to aid the guards.

Today was the most riotous in the history of the village. In a conflict between strike sympathizers and the police, several officers were shot or injured by flying stones, while more than a dozen operatives suffered broken heads and other wounds inflicted by the clubs of the police. Four are under arrest, one James Massew being charged with at-tempted murder, by firing a revolver into a squad of policemen.

## DEATH DEALING HURRICANE Pive Killed and Porty Homes Destroyed in State of Georgia

ATLANTA, Ga., March 16 .- Reports of heavy property damage throughout the southeast, as the result of the terricisive. Torreon and Gomez Palcia, as fic rain of the last two days continue large railroad station, are connected by to be received here, and indicate that the loss will reach into the millions. Rivers and smaller streams are out of their banks and railroad traffic is demoral-

> Governor O'Neill issued an appeal to day for help for the storm victims at Headland, where a hurricane yesterday killed five persons and destroyed forty

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., March 16 .- One were loyal to Madero, but that they thousand shopmen, including blacksmiths, machinists, carpenters, carmen from looters. The volunteer army was and boilermakers, are idle as the result of an order received here today inand thousands of shots were fired. The definitely closing the Rock Island Railway shops here. The notice of suspension gave "general retrenchment"

"Iceman" Spencer Dying SAN FRANCISCO, March 16 .-Henry Spencer, better known as "Ice-man" Spencer, formerly a celebrated jockey, is dying of tuberculosis in his home in Oakland. Physicians say he will not live more than three or four

Dies at Simsbury SIMSBURY, Conn., March 16.-Miss Eliza Tyler Stowe the last of the daughters of Harriet Beecher Stowe, died today. She was born near Cincinuati. Her twin sister died several years ago.

## CHINESE OUTLOOK MORE HOPEFUL

Authorities Believe That While Unrest is General Country Will Be Under Control Within Sixty Days

### PREPARING TO HAND OVER GOVERNMENT

Nanking is to be Maintained as Capital Until Provisional Assembly Selects a Definite

NANKING, March 16 .- The outlook in China is more hopeful today than at any time since the outbreak of the revolution. Carefully compiled reports received here show that while the un rest is general, during the last week disorder has decreased steadily and there is increased confidence in a restoration of trade.

The districts of the northwest and the distant west are in the worst con-dition, but the authorities in Nanking give assurances that unless something unforseen occurs, the country will be under control within sixty days after the announcement of the formation of the coalition cabinet. Officials point out the inevitableness of sporadic outbreaks in districts with which it takes from two to three weeks to communicate, or where masses of disorderly and lawless persons congregate.

Alarmist predictions that a widespread uprising and mutinies in many places would occur having been fulfilled. The flurry in the north appears

filled. The flurry in the north appears to be nearly over.

Mr. Calhoun, the United States minister at Peking, telegraphed today to Rear Admiral Joseph B. Nurdock, commander of the U. S. Asiatic fleet, that the situation had improved so greatly that it was not necessary any longer to keep the United States cruiser Cincinnati, at Tientsin. From all sections of the country within reach of the tions of the country within reach of the telegraph, encouraging reports are being

The Nanking assembly has completed preparations for handing over the gov-Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.

BARRE, Mass., March 16.-More than U. S. S. Maine, Battleship Which Made History, Goes to Her Last Resting Place in Havana Harbor

## MINUTE GUNS BOOM A REQUIEM

HAVANA, March 16 .- Under lowering skies and a heavy see, the old battle-ship Maine, resurrected after 14 years burial in Havana harbor, today plunged, with her colors flying, to her everlasting rest 600 fathoms deep in the waters of the Gulf. The sinking of the hulk was carried out precisely as planned, marking the end of the work begun more than a year and a half ago.

After impressive ceremonies, the bodies of the dead were taken aboard the armored cruiser North Carolina Minute guns were fired by the North Carolina and the scout cruiser Birmingham and the batteries of Cabanas fortress until the ships cleared the har

Her decks deep with flowers and palms and an ensign floating from the jury mast where the mainmast former-ly stood, the Maine put to sea on her ast voyage. On the deck stood Capt. O'Brien, famous as "Dynamite Johnny," skipper of the filabustering ship Dauntless, and three friends, acting as the Maine's last pilot. As the wreek passed the American squadron, the crews manned the rails, the marines presented arms, and the bandsmen on the quarter deck played the national anthem, while

the minute guns boomed a requiem.

The arrangements of the sinking consisted of numerous valves in the bot-tom of the hulk and the large sluices in the bulkhead, which with all doors in the two permanent bulkheads remaining open. For ten minutes no change was visible in the hulk which pitched heavily as the rollers struck her. Then she began sinking at the bulkhead. The stern rose, and in a few seconds the hulk was almost vertical, showing first the propellers and then the full keel. The next moment there was a splash of blue and white, as the enign flying from the mast struck the water and disappeared. Simultaneously the decks were blown up by the air pressure and the Maine sank down leaving the flowers on the surface of the sea. Whistle blasts from the whole fleet were the only salute.

## THIRD TERM CANDIDATE

Col. Boosevelt Goess to New York on Tuesday to Further Mis Campaign Por Momination

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., March 16 .-Back from the meeting in New York, with his political lieutenants, Col. Roosevelt retired to Sagamore Hill today, saying he would not have to talk politics before Tuesday, when he goes to New York again. He probably will remain in the city most of next week. The colonel was determined not to reveal the results of the conference of last night. He was told that an impression had gone out that last night's meeting was of unusual importance and he was urged to out-line the subjects which were brought

"We just wanted to get the leaders working together," he said. "One of the main things considered was the speeches he was to make, but no decision had been reached as to the number of speeches or where they would be delivered."

Colonel Roosevelt made it plain that

Mr. Dixon was commander-in-chief or the Roosevelt forces. He was told of a report heard in New York after the conference that the senator was to be superseded. The name of Ormsby McHarg, who has been working in the south for Roosevelt was mentioned as Senator Dixon's probable successor "That is perfectly absurd," Colonel Roosevelt said. "One of the reasons why Senator Dixon came on from Washington was to discuss the whole campaign situation. The senator is

Government, Headed by Hon. A. L. Sifton, Responsible for Railway Policy-Two Ministers Without Portfolios

WINNIPEG, March 16.—The new Alberta tabinet has been appointed and when the members go back to their constituencies for election it will give a good idea as to how high in favor the new realization. the new railway policy of the government stands with the people. This pol-lcy succeeds the Alberta and Great Waterways deal, which turned the Rutherford cabinet out of office. cabinet follows:

Hon, A. L. Sifton, Vermillion, pre-nier, minister of public works, minis mier, minister of public works, minister of telephones and minister of rail-Hon, C. W. Cross, Edmonton, attor

ney general, formerly in the Ruther-ford cabinet. Hon. Duncan Marshall, Olds, minister of agriculture.

Hon. Charles R. Mitchell, Medicine
Hat, provincial treasurer and minister.

of education,
Hon, A. J. McLean, Lethbridge,
Hon, A. J. mcLean, Lethbridge, provincial secretary and minister

municipalities. Hon. R. J. Boyle, Sturgeon, minister without portfolio. Hon. J. L. Corte, Athabasca, minister without portfolio,

## RAILROAD FOR ALASKA U. S. A. May Build Government Ros. With Panama Canal Equipment

WASHINGTON, March 16 .- Walter L. Fisher, secretary of the interior, con ferred today with President Taft about the former's plan for utilizing in the construction of a government railroad in Alaska equipment and personnel soon to be released from work on the Panama canal. The secretary conceived the plan while in Alaska last summer and President Taft approved it.

Mr. Fisher returned to Washington yesterday from an extended examination of the equipment now in use in the canal and brought with him a responding list of rolling stock and machinery believed to be available, together with the probable dates which it could be released.

General W. L. Marshall, the engineer ing adviser of Secretary Fisher, will begin at once the outline of a scheme de signed to show congress the feasibility of the transfer of men and material by water from Panama to Alaska. It will contain an estimate of the value of the road now building from Seward, Alaska, to the Matanuska coal fields, which probably will be taken over by the government if the proposition originated by Mr. Fisher is adopted.

The best harbor on the Alaskan coast found by Mr. Fisher is on Resurrec-tino bay, and the best townsite is Se-

SEATTLE, March 16 .- Helger Helllson, as East Pike Street grocer, had been denking heavily lately, his wife says, and today she upbraided him for his shiftlessness, whereupon he decided that he would kill himself. He went into a rear room and soon a shot was heard. Mrs. Hellson walting on customers, smiled and told them that her husband had only fired his pistol to scare her. He had been threatening suicide for fifteen years, ever since they were married, she said, but he fired always into the air. After a sec-ond shot Hellison staggered through the door with bleed streaming from a builet hole in his temple. He died at a hospital soon afterwards.

## **FACING ANOTHER** WEEK OF STRIKE

Government Drafting Bill Which it is Hoped will Prove Solution of Britain's National Crisis

## TRADE AND COMMERCE FURTHER THROTTLED

Twenty Thousand Shipbuilding Employees May be Suspended - Overseas Food Supply is Endangered

LONDON, March 16 .- Realizing that no settlement of the coal strike is possible for another week, the nation faces with calmness the prospect of an in-creasing industrial paralysis, accompanied by hunger and destitution.

The cabinet discussed today the draft of the bill which it was hoped would end the strike. To frame a measure which parliament will pass and both parties to the dispute accept, is regarded as the most difficult problem the government has undertaken since it assumed office. The chief difficulty lies in embodying in the legislation Premier Asquith's pledge that a minimum wage bill "should provide an adequate safeguard for the protection of em-

It involves the application of compulsion in some form. It is doubtful f parliament ever will pass a bill which does not also apply coercive measures to the men such as shall make the trades unions liable to damages for breaches of agreements by their members. Labor leaders are opposed strongly to legislation of this kind, and the miners' executive has announced that it will direct the men not to return to work until a bill is passed sat-isfactory to them.

While the strike thus far has been remarkable for the absence of violence, there are indications that another week of enforced idleness is likely to lead to outbreaks in the Lanarkshire district. After news of the breaking off of the negotiations was published, many nonunionist miners returned to the pits. They were attacked today by a crowd of strikers. The police made many arrests. In Glasgow trade and commerce virtually have been throttled. The train services have been reduced drastically, some lines abolishing Sunday service. At the Armstrong, Whiteworth and Company shipbuilding works, Newcastle-on-Tyne, notice has been given that if the strike lasts another week 20,000 employes would be sug

That the prolongation of the strik food supply, is indicated by a cablegram received from Buenos Ayres by a firm of shipowners at Liverpool, saying it would be impossible to obtain bunke coal for steamships at any river Plate port after the end of March.

## PURCHASE RAILROAD

Ohicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Co. Believed to Have Acquired Beiling-ham Bay to B. C. Boad

SEATTLE, March 16 .- G. C. Hyatt, general manager of the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia Railway company, today telegraphed a long statement from San Francisco saying that the company and its allied properties had been purchased from the Mills and Cornwall estates by a syndicate of Bellingham, Seattle and Tacoma men and that joint traffic arrangement is about to be concluded with the Chicago, Milwau-kee and Puget Sound Railway company, whereby under a joint traffic arrangement Milwaukee cars will be handled on the lines of the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia Railway by car ferry from Seattle.

It was learned today from other sources that the purchasers are incorporated as the Bellingham Securities syndicate with a capital of \$10,000,000 and that Mr. Hyatt is to be president of this corporation. Railroad men state that the purchase was made in the in-terests of the Chicago, Milwaukes and Puget Sound Railway. The Bellingham Bay and British Columbia Railway extends from Bellingham to a connecti with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

## Hero of the South Pole

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18.—A elebration in honor of Captain Racid Amundsen was held here tonight under the auspices of the Sons of Norway. Ender M. Cederburgh, Norwegian vice consul, presided. Among the speakers were Mr. David Walker, surgeon-naturalist of the Franklin Arctic expedition of 1857-58; Dr. L. Wolf, surgeon of the Peary Arctic expedition of 1905-06, and Archibald Dickson, secretary with the Baldwin-Zeigler Arctic expedition of 1902-03.

## Barnardo Immigrants

LONDON, March 16.-The first Dr. Barnardo party for Canada this season, 105 boys and 100 girls, left on Thurs-