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VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1905.

MANY PERISHED IN BURNING WRECKAGE

FIRE DROVE RESCUERS FROM THEIR WORK

Later Details of Disaster on Railway in Which Nineteen Persons Lost Their Lives.

persons are known to be dead and more than one hundred others were injured in the railroad wreck and dynamite explosion which occurred early to-day on the Pennsylvania railroad in the southern part of this city. That no more persons were killed is considered remarkable by Harrisburg, Pa., May 11 .- Nineteen ly at the middle of the heavy express

slowly when the engineer of an eastbound freight train saw it coming on his track. He applied the air brakes suddenly, which caused the middle of the freight train to buckle, shoving several of the cars over upon the westbound disaster. passenger track. A moment later the express, one of the fastest night trains on the road, dashed into the wrecked cars. The next instant the boiler of the passenger locomotive exploded. The wreck took fire and those who escaped began the work of rescue. Six minutes after the express struck the freight wreck, the railroad men say, the flames reached a car filled with powder. There

nerve were forced to retire with singed hair, blistered faces and burning clothcaped by leaping and crawling through windows, in scant attire, from their sleeping car berths, hurried to the open fields, where they were gathered to-gether and carried to the offices and workrooms of the Paxtang Electric Light Company and other industrial plants, which were quickly transformed into temporary hospitals, and later into morgues. Many of the injured were hurried to the Harrisburg hospital, where a large staff of doctors and nurses dressed their wounds. Soon the hospital was

The work of rescue was at first slow, and it seemed as though the flames would envelop the entire express train before those who were pinned beneath the heavy wreckage could be freed. Everywhere there came cries for help, and the fran-tic rescuers worked with willing hands; scores of those who were trapped in their sleeping berths or pinioned under wreck-

filled to overflowing and many of the in-

badly hurt. The advancing fire drove the rescuers in self-defence. back as they were about to take others from the wreck, and unfortunate men and women were soon enveloped in the flames. The cries of the dying were heart-rending in the extreme, but nothing could be done for them.

The entire train was consumed by fire. After the victims in the wreck were be-After the victims in the wreck were beyond human aid, more attention was paid
to the injured, who presented a pitiable

Hon. J. P. Whitney and his cabinet are

| Dunnbrook, and little hope is entertained for his recovery. Cronk recently
celebrated his 105th birthday. they lay in the field or on the banks of the river. With the firemen ing of the first sod on July 1st. came a corps of physicians from the city, and the work of attending to the injured began in earnest. As quickly as they were temporarily relieved of pain from Trial of John Roberts, Charged With burns or other injuries they were placed Attempted Murder, Will Conburns or other injuries they were placed on special trains and trolley cars and

rushed to the hospital here.
Several hundred railroad laborers were on the spot within an hour, and by day break their number had been increased to a thousand. It was a gruesome task for the railroad men. Not one whole body was found in the wreck. Either an arm or a leg, or all four limbs were burned off the trunk, and in several cases only portions of the trunks were under one Pullman car. It is the belief of the railroad officials that if the explosion had not occurred the probability is there would have been no loss of life.

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H. S. Watson, of Clearfield, and J. B. Phillips have also died.
W. B. McCaleb, superintendent of the Philadelphia division, said he was unable as yet to fix any responsibility for the accident. A thorough investigation, he said, is now being made.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 12.—The exact number of lives lost in South Harrisburg yesterday morning, caused by the crash of the second section of the Cieveland & Cincinnati express into a car of dynamite in a freight train, is not yet known. Eleven bodies have been identified and nine charred corpses await recognition at the temporary morgue. The railway company has heard reports of missing people and received many telegrants inring about passengers on the ill-fated

Sam. Shubert, the New York theatrical manager, who was injured in yesterday s wreck, died to-day. A Successful Manager.

were killed is considered remarkable by the Pennsylvania railroad officials, as a now the partnership controls several full box car of dynamite exploded direct-theatres in this city, a dozen or more in other cities in this country, and one ly at the middle of the heavy express train.

The wrecked train consisted of a combination baggage and smoking car, one day coach and six sleepers.

The primary cause of the wreck was a shunting engine. It was going west slowly when the engineer of an east-

Another Death. Harrisburg, Pa., May 12.-Max Stettheimer, of New York, died at the Harrisburg hospital this afternoon from in-

lieved to be fatally hurt. Twenty five or thirty others were slightly hurt. The in naval warfare generally, and at least in the city on his way West. He was or thirty others were slightly hurt. The financial loss is estimated at half a million dollars.

World be of great importance as a unit in the city on his way West. He was in attempts to land troops on a hostile coast. He believed it was impossible to land foreign troops in Great Britain, and, rangements for further meetings. The

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

punged From Records of Ontario

House. Toronto, May 11.-By a vote of 60 to 21 the legislature last night adopted a resolution moved by R. R. Gamey, expunging from the records of the House the report of the Gamey commission, which was accepted by the Liberal gov-ernment in June, 1903.

Change of Name. Toronto, May 11 .- An order-in-council as been passed by the Ontario government changing the name of Rat Portage jured were taken to the hotels and pri- to Keenora, which is a combination of the names Keewatin, Norman and Rat Portage, which are expected soon to be amalgamated.

Not Guilty. Toronto, May 11 .- At the assizes today the jury, after being out for an hour, brought in a verdict of "not guilty" in the case of Leonidas Monte Carlo, the Italian charged with manslaughter. The prisoner in his own behalf swore that age were taken out and laid in the field Raimondi, the man killed in the car, had first tried to shoot him and that he fired

Granted Bonns. Fort William, May 11.-A by-law granting a bonus of \$300,000 to the G. T. P. for the purchase of the mission property, carried yesterday by a vote of 777 for to 55 against, the largest vote of a by-law ever polled in the history of the 1812, is seriously ill at his home at to be invited to be present at the turn-

NELSON ASSIZES.

clude To-Day.

Nelson, B. C., May 11 .- The trial of John Roberts, charged with attempting to murder M. S. Davys, the well-known mining engineer, by shooting at him with a rifle on January 17th at Silverton, which has occupied the time of Mr. Justice Morrison and a jury since the assizes opened, will be concluded to-

The sensational feature of the trial toby the crown so far, and declared that he lent the missing rifle with which the in-law of Robert Pitcairn, of Pittsburg. shooting is supposed to have been done assistant to President Cassatt of the Pennslyvania railway, died of his injuries at Harrisburg hospital at noon. Roberts.

PREMIER BALFOUR'S SPEECH IN COMMONS

Action of the Defence Committee Due to Changes in Sea Power of Other Nations,

London, May 11.-In the House of were more likely to injure the defend-ers than damage the enemy. He was not alluding to blockade mines, which had played such an important part in the Far Eastern war.

He believed civilized countries would

check the sowing of mines in the waters of the world. The use of such mines ought to be brought to the con-sideration of some international tri-bunal, for the damage and danger to neutrals which must result from scattering broadcast these engines of destruc tion were so great that he did not think that civilized mankind should allow them to be used in haphazard fashion.

Mr. Balfour stated that in considering

the difficulty of the invader, he was obliged to base his calculations on the Snyder, O. T., May 12.—Ninety-five bodies of victims of Wednesday night's tornado had been found up to noon today. At that time 25 persons were still missing, and the list of seriously injured numbered 115, of whom 25 were believed to be fatally hurt. Twelvy five

wheek the railroad men say, the fiames reached a car filled with powder. There was a flash and a deafecting foar. The earth trembled as though by a terrible earthquake. Those who were not killed or injured by the explosion field from the awful scene. The earthguake. These who were not killed or injured by the explosion severe hall, while and an ansay of fiames and small baxes of powlas that had not previously exploded burst continuously. While these explosions lasted no one dared to approach the burning wreck, although the agonized shrieks of the helpless and the daying primed in the wreck could be heard.

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charges that he threatened a police de-partment detective whom he alleged was tampering with his mail, declares the police stories against him in Hungary are fictitious. He has reported the incident to the authorities at Washington through the American ambassador.

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DYNAMITE EXPLOSION. Seven Men Killed in a Montana Mine

Yesterday.

Butte, Mont., May 12.—Seven men were killed and one injured, probably fatally, by an explosion in the Cora mine, one of the Heinze properties, to-day. The cause of the explosion is rot known. Nels Wampa was carrying 40 sticks of dynamite up a ladder to join companions on the 1,400-foot level when the accident occurred. It is believed that he accidentally touched his lighted lamp he accidentally touched his lighted lamp to the explosives. Wampa was blown to bits, fragments of his body being round several hundred feet away. Two men working nearby were blown pieces. The remains, when picked up, filled seven sacks. Four others, 100 feet distant, were instantly killed. While Foreman Thomas was groping in the smoke to rescue the new he found half of the ton of Wampa's near' hanging to an electop of Wampa's new! hanging to an electric light wire, over 100 feet from the

## SIT IN THE WEST

TRANSPORTATION AFFAIRS

Arranging Meetings - Duncan Ross Con gratulated on Presentation of V., V. & E. Bill.

Ottawa, May 12.-C. N. Bell, secretary of the transportation commission, is now

THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE. Search By Capt. Amundsen, Arctic Explorer, Is Believed to Have Been Successful.

ever confronted.

Mr. Balfour remarked that the development of Russia towards India had from time to time caused great alarm. Great Britain had in vain, by diplomatic means, endeavored to prevent Russia's expansion, which must now be taken as an accepted fact. Although the invasion of India was much talked of by Russian officers, he did not believe that it formatic standards are to consult for the caused great alarm. Great Britain had in vain, by diplomatic means, endeavored to prevent Russia's expansion, which must now be taken as an accepted fact. Although the invasion of India was much talked of by Russian officers, he did not believe that it formatic event and the displayment of the Shahetzy mines, officers, he did not believe that it formatic event content of the Shahetzy mines, officers, he did not believe that it formatic event content of the Shahetzy mines, officers, he did not believe that it formatic event content of the Shahetzy mines, officers, he did not believe that it formatic event of the Shipousa were attacked by the enemy's cavalry May 7th. The Japanese were repulsed. They renewed the attack May 8th, but were again unsured the failure of Japanese to send an expedition to the saled from Norway on June 17th, 1903, in an endeavor to find the northwest passage. From the fact that supplies are to exist as a separate division, the military expert of the by those were attacked by the enemy's cavalry May 7th. The Japanese were repulsed. They renewed the attack May 8th, but were again unsured the failure of Japanese to send an expedition to the sale of the Author of the Shahetzy mines, which were occupied by Japanese, who, in an endeavor to find the northwest passage. From the fact that supplies are to exist as a separate division, the feet is now divided in the Novoe Vremya, attributed the failure of Japanese to send an expedition to the squarons, Vice-Admiral Voelkersam, who is second in command to Vice-Admiral Voelkersam, who is second in command of Saghalien to the passage. From the fact that suppl

Buda Pest, May 12.—American Special inmigration Inspector Marquis Brans, of New York, who has been fined \$10 on charges that he threatened a police deposition of the control of the contr erected by Sir John Franklin, when that

> MRS. R. W. SCOTT DIED AT OTTAWA FRIDAY

> Wife of Secretary of State and Mother of Mrs. E. H. Fletcher, of Victorla, Passed Away.

Ottawa, May 12.-Mrs. R. W. Scott, wife of the Secretary of State, died at 6 o'clock this morning. She has been ill fifties came to America from Dublin, Ireland. For a time they toured in Canada in company with Sir Wm. Henry Don, a baronet of Nova Scotia, whose title became extinct. Mrs. Scott on her marriage left the stage, and has since resided in Ottawa. In the formation of the National Council of Women by the Countess of Aberdeen, Mrs. Scott

WOUNDED ON THE FIELD

Warships From Vladivostock Are Belleved to Have Passed Through Tsugaru Straits.

are to be sent north by the Pacific ocean in the face of our artiflery are and a tit is argued that the great quest of Arctic explorers for more than 400 years has been successful and that the explorer will soon appear on the Pacific they were subsequently dislodged, retiring to the village of Madeopa."

The Book May 12 American Special

Reply to Japan. Paris, May 11 .- A semi-official statement from high sources was publishe this afternoon giving France's position in reply to Japan's charges of breaches of neutrality. One of the headings is: "Japan has done in the Philippines and Dutch East Indies the same as she accuses France of doing in Indo-China." The conclusions are set forth as being: "First-The French neutrality regula-

test from Japan. sovereignty to fulfil the regulations not tween May 3rd and May 8th. only to the full letter, but has also adopted special measures to maintain absoute impartiality.
"Third—The only direct purchases of

coal by the Russians were at Algiers, where the quantity was insignificant, of serious complications over the question.

The main stock of coal was purchased of French neutrality is regarded as over

Tokio, May 12.—The following telegram from army headquarters in Manchuria was officially given out to-day:

Order Despite the provocative tone of the British press, however, the British government used its influence at Tokio in a

the cover of artillery, their infantry ad- fence of India) from this standpoint

THE MISCHIEVOUS BOY.

THE MOVEMENTS OF

St. Petersburg, May 12.-The admiralty declines to divulge any information which it has about the sups of Vladivostock division which are sported to be off the coast of Japan, but the impression prevails in naval circles that, acting under the instructions of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, they have passed through Tengany straits into the Pacific. through Tsugaru straits into the Pacific, on a reconnaisance, to ascertain if the passage is free of mines and feasible for Rojestvensky's squadron and also

"may God grant him success."
The Slovo reproaches the Imperial which Guard for not going to the front, saying: ed, re- "Its place is on the battlefield. In all Russia's wars the guard has won glory. It is composed of the picked men of the empire and should show the world what Russia can develop."

> SAYS FRANCE SHOULD MAKE EXPLANATION.

Tokio, May 12, 10 a.m.-France's latest assurance of neutrality eases the situation somewhat, but does not remove the popular resentment against her. The tions were not established for the present war, but existed previously without promand explanations, saying that it is ne-"Second-France has exercised her cessary that France explain events be-

> DANGER IS NOW REGARDED AS OVER.

St. Petersburg, May 13 .- The danger where the quantity was insignificant. The main stock of coal was purchased in Germany and England without protected, although deeply regretted.

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vanced to within one hundred metres of came at a particularly inopportune time, our lines, whereupon our garrison, assuming the offensive, attacked and discan papers which have been cabled here ersed the enemy.

"The enemy left 60 dead and 150 The Novoe Vremya announces that the

-Montreal Star.

wounded on the field. Many killed and incident is closed, adding: "Japan wishwounded were carried away."

ed to dictate to France in order to seal the union with Great Britain and then THE MOVEMENTS OF

VLADIVOSTOCK DIVISION.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—The admirbardments and embargoes Japan has been ready to accept from France the statements contained in the yellow book,

THREE DIVISIONS.

St. Petersburg, May 11.—General Linevitch, in a dispatch to the Emperor, dated May 9th, says:

"Our advance posts along the line from vensky's orders.

Kongstvensky's squaron and along the line from threaten Japanese commerce.

All the Russian naval division now in the Far East are acting under Rojest
Nebogatoff, his command is believed to have ceased to exist as a separate divi-

NEAR VANFONG BAY.

Hongkong, May 13.-Seventeen warships were sighted during the evening of May 10th, twelve miles off the Three Kings rock, near the entrance of Van

fong bay.

Transports were seen in Kuabepas
(Honkahe bay) 75 miles north of Kam-PREMIER KATSURA

Tokio, May 13.-A committee of the Constitutionalist party called on Premier Katsura to-day and discussed the French neutrality incident. The Premier assured the comm tree 'hat the govern-ment was exerting it best efforts in behalf of the country and explained the various steps taken. The committee re-ported to the organization, and later ex-pressed satisfaction with the actions and attitude of the covernment.

EXPLAINS POSITION.

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As a result of the recen developme

ing has been heard here of the move-ments of Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet since May 9th, when the ships left Vanfong Bay.

PAID SEVENTEEN MILLIONS.

tion of the National Council of Women by the Countess of Aberdeen, Mrs. Scott was placed on the executive, and after wards became president of the local council. No lady was held in higher regard by all classes.

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"On the morning of May 9th, the enemy consisting of two regiments of both France and Russia in the British of both France and Russia in the British papers have so far as the Russian public one battery of artillery, made an attack is concerned, served to still further influence the feeling of hostility against Great Britain, which has always been regarded as Russia's arch-enemy.

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