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How advantageously Victoria is sited to secure a great share of the of the Pacific and that which is ed via the Panama canal when that rway is completed is shown by risons with other ports of the Pacific. There are now more iers, both foreign and coastwise, ing and departing from this port from any port of Canada, and few ports of the North Pacific have essels trading to them than has At the port of Los Angeles over \$5,000,000 is being expended bor improvements, the trade is far an that of Victoria. A comparthe customs returns of Vicand a special report issued at Los es shows that whereas last year tal number of vessels in and out toria was 8475, with tonnage or 97-this year will be about 40 per

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IRISH HOSPITALITY Incidents of His Recent Visit to

the Emerald Isla ONDON, Dec. 9.-Lord Saye and le, at a meeting held at the Gladstone ll. Windsor, a few nights since reinted some amusing experiences durg his recent visit to Ireland with memof the Eighty club. The first ight they were in Dublin, he said, just is they were saying "Good-night" after ing entertained by Mr. John Red-ond, Mr. Pat O'Brien escorted him ick to the smokeroom, and, instead of evening being over, it had really begun. Although he would not say he, (Lord Saye and Sele) drank ugh whisky to wash an omnibus, he ught he drank enough to wash a gle brougham.

midnight, at Mr. Pat O'Brien's Inion, they adjourned to a cub. When got there Mr. O'Brien said they just another hour before saying

The deputation had massed bands and rish pipes all the way to Galway. From Killaloe they were going on to Limerick the next morning, and an Irish priest said to him: "Will your lordship drive from Killaloe to Limerick? I have a nice little horse, which will go seveneen miles an hour." He accepted the nvitation, and he found that the little orse could really only go one mile in seventeen minutes and they had to use he butt-end of the whip to get it into

The little horse's name was Bill, and priest exclaimed: "Go on, Bill; you get no oats if you don't go. What his lordship think of Bill if you on't get on?" This went on for sevenen miles, and when he got to his desmation he was a little bit tired of this orm of Home Rule.

GENERAL FAIDHERBE WILL DISCHARGE CEMENT

French Sailing Vessel Reaches Outer Wharf-Crew Shot Seagulls at Vancouver and Police Interfered.

he French bark General Faidherbe hed the Outer Wharf last night in of the tug Lorne to discharge 600 of cement, after completing disarging at Vancouver. The bountymer has been chartered to load a, rgeo of grain on the Sound for the nited Kingdom. When the French essel was lying - Vancouver Capt. agoult had to appear in the police urt owing to the shooting of seaulls from his vessel. This is an ofnce punishable with a fine of \$50. here was some difficulty in determinng which of the Gallic tars was guilty slaying the gulls. Captain Ragoult. hrough an interpreter, took the posi ion that there was no harvor rules what was included in the official limits of Vancouver harbor. How was he to now whether he was in Vancouver arbor or not?

There being no contra argument the ourt ordered the French shipmaster to ay the costs and the interpreter's fee nd let it go at that.

CRUSHED BY WHEELS

ohn Hunter, Young Brakeman Employed by Western Fuel Company, Meets Almost Instant Death

NANAIMO, Dec. 8 .- About noon toan accident occurred near No. 1 aft resulting in the death of John unter, a young brakeman in the emy of the Western Fuel company. eceased, who was 14 years of age, lile carrying out his duties on a lomotive slipped and fell on the rails, wheels crushing him so severely hat the victim met almost instant

NEW STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Dollar Steamship Lines, Ltd., Will Take Over Four Steamers-Will Register New Vessel Here

The Dollar Steamship Lines, Ltd., a new steamship company with regisered office at R. P. Rithet & Co.'s offices on Wharf street, is being incor-porated to take over the Stanley Dollar Steamship Co., Ltd., M. S. Dollar Steamship Co. and Hazel Dollar Steamship Co., he had made in parliament that he

which are being wound up. The meeting for this purpose will be held at the company's offices on December 21. The Dollar Steamship Lines, Ltd., will take over the Hazel Dollar, M. S. Dollar and Stanley Dollar, which steamers are now registered at the port of Victoria, and will also include the new steamer Robert Dollar, recently built at Glasgow for the transpacific freight service of the Dollar line. The Robert Dollar, which is now registered at Glasgow, will probis now registered at Glasgow, will probably have her register transferred to

DECEMING BIRTH RATE

That Has Long Been Source of Anxiety to France.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.-The problem of a declining birth-rate, so long a source of anxiety in France, is becoming a cause, of concern in Germany also. The estimates just completed by the German statistical office and published in the "Imperial Gazette," fully bear out previous statements as to the reality of

The total number of births in the empire has fallen from 2,076,660 in 1908 to 2,038,357 in 1909 and to 1,982,836 in 1910. For the first time in twenty-four years the number of births has again dropped below the 2,000,000 mark, while in proportion to total population it is lower than it has been at any time in sixty years.

With a declining death-rate, there is 000 in the population, but, if conditions continue as they are, this rate of growth obviously cannot be much longer maintained.

MR. BALFOUR MUSICIAN

Former Unionist Leader Develops Side of Character Not Generally Known to Public.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Ft. Hon. A. J. Balfour, it may not be generally known, despite his strenuous part in politics, has contrived to follow the art of music with enthusiasm and a fair amount of regularity. While appreciating the new school, as represented by Wagner, Tchalkowsky and others, the right honorable gentleman's inclinations are more in favor of such old masters as Bach and Handel—particularly the latter. He is particularly interested in the less familiar works of the composer of the "Messiah," and on one occasion made a special journey to Edinburgh to heare a revival of "Athaliah;" and he once was practically responsible for a London performance of "Belshazzar's Feast."

Mr. Balfour possesses a very fine collection of Handel's works. He is known as a visitor to the big Wagner Festivals at Bayreuth, while he was a regular subscriber to the celebraged Richter concerts in London from their inception.

British People in South Africa Accuse Him of Failure to Fulfill Promises Made in Earlier Days

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 9 .- Premier Botha is a great disappointment to the British in South Africa. A few weeks 1go members of the Union Legislature paid a visit to Pretoria and Johannes burg which afforded an opportunity to mbers of both parties-in the Senate and in the House of Assemblyto talk quietly and informally over the trend of events since the close of last session. If will be easily understood that personal confidences between members of opposing parties are more easily made when those members are taking part in a non-political tour than they are in the more electric atmosphere of the meeting place of parlia ment. Men who are personal friends, though political opponents, when they are thrown into close contact on a train journey which lasts for two or days, or when they are staying at the same hotel in a strange place, are apt to make confidences to each other. In the case of the visit of members of parliament to the north there was ample opportunity for such confidences. Advantage was freely taken of that opportunity.

It was abundantly clear that the rank and file of the Unionists (British sec tion) have finally ceased to have any faith whatever in the good intentions of General Botha. Though they are still willing to give him credit for good intentions, they are now convinced that those good intentions are worthless from any practical point of view. Just after General Botha had made a speech extant or any official definition as to at Losberg which had been anticipated as likely to market his real position clear, the general opinion was that he had surrendered to the Extremist section in the Ministry and in the Nationalist party a section led by General Hertzog and inspired by the influence of ex-president Steyn. The lapse of a month has only confirmed that impression. The vist to the north shoded clearly that the Unionists are convinced of the fatal weakness of General Botha. They are now sure that he will never put in practice his amiable theories about co-operation between the two white races of his countrer; about "extending the hand he had his cows milked in front of a of friendship"; and about securing just commissioner of oaths whose evidence treatment for both sections All that is

just verbal froth—the natural emanation of a nature which is as weak as it is ostensibly amiable The Unionists have been extremely long-suffering with General Botha. They believed in his sincerity up to the last possible moment. They everlooked his failure to form a non-party ministry. During the while of the first session of the Union parliament they in dicated the function of an opposition and supported the Premier against the retrogressive section of his own party But such trust could not go on feeding entirely on itself. It required some sign of good faith on the part of the Prime Minister other than mere words. When General Boths returned from England six weeks ago he had every opportunity of giving such a sign. He gave none. He went back on the speeches which he had made it es which he had made in England. He repudiated the solemn declaration which

does not like the prospect of meeting with real opposition. He spoke, for in-stance, a couple of days ago at Somer-

tempted to detend himself against charge that his speeches since his re-trum to South Africa have been in-consistent with the brave professions which he made to audiences in Enginconvincing. It has, indeed, a note of almost craven querulousness. His critics he said, "alleged that he spoke with two mouths, one in London and the other in South Africa; that he said one thing to the townspeople and another to the backvelder. He was careful never to very his opinions in England or South Africa. To be misleading would do his party no good, and what object could he have in deceiving the opposition? He never deceived anybody. He would sooner go out of office than be false to any person. It was not a bed of roses being Prime Minister, and it would be worse than a crime to mislead

people."
All this merely general denial, But General Botha attempted to disprove the charge of inconsistency on two particular points. First, on immigration, he declared that he had always held that before there could be any assiststill an annual increase of about \$80,- ance to immigrants from over-sea, the "poor whites" of the towns of South Africa must be helped to get back to the land. He has conveniently overlooked his emphatic declaration to the Imperial conference: "I am very much in favor of supporting immigration to South Africa. I want agriculturists, and for that class I am prepared to spend money." Nothing there about assisted emigration to South Africa being postponed until every South Arrican "poor white" has been settled on the land. But while the Imperial conference was sitting in London, General Hertzog was disclaiming in South Africa against any kind of assisted im-

migration into this country.

Similarly with regard to education. In his speech at Somerset East, General Botha declared that he "publicly and privately did all that was in his power to induce the provincial councils to accept" the educational compromise which was arrived at during the last session of parliament. But during his absence in England General Hertzog did his utmost to prevent the accept ance of this compromise. And during the last few weeks, Mr. Fremantle has been touring the Eastern districts of the Cape Province, giving out that he spoke as the "accredited representative" of the Prime Minister, and declaring again and again that the educational compromise is dead. General Botha has done nothing to rebuke either Gener Hertzog or Mr. Fremantle. Yet he still attempts to deny that he speaks with two voices. It is impossible to take such a defence as anything but despairing attempt to continue to deceive the people of South Africa, to say nothing of the public of Great Britain.

Speaking at a meeting of the John-ston tenants at Williamstown, county Galway, Mr. John Fitzgibbon, M. P., said he had called the meeting of men and women on the Johnston estate to protest against the issue of decrees Io a half-year's rent. For the last 30 years he had been fighting formidable land-lords, and had beaten them to the wall. They knew the way to pinch Johnston -through his breeches pocket. They knew the way to fight his. A nod was as good as a wink to a blind horse, At the present time there was not a landlord who get his bailiff, or his son, or even himself elected on a district

council or county council. Treland would soon have control of her own destinies, and the first work would be to divide up the land. If Mr. Tobaston held out against ne combination of tenants he would be engaged in as foolish a game as Sir Edward Carson, who was going to lead the Orangemen. If he brought his Orangemen down there he would find people ready for them.

COW THE ORIGIN OF THIS DISPUTE

Bovine Gave Milk Already Diluted with Water and Her Owner Was Pined on the Head of It

PARIS, Dec. 9 .- Both the department of agriculture and the department of justice are ocupied at the present with complicated legal dispute which originated from a strange milch cow kept on a Picardy farm. This cow gave milk which the analyst's report shows to be equivalent to ordinary milk diluted with 20 per cent. of water. Was the milk water or was it only watery? The farmer proclaimed his honesty; the analyst held for the infallibility of his hydrometer. As a dumb but certified scientific instrument cannot lie, and as the agricultural experts swore, that there could be no other explanation, the farmer was convicted of having watered the milk and was ordered to pay a fine. A second analysis a month later led to a second report, a second protest, a second conviction. But the Picards are noted for their obstinacy. The farmer was convinced and so to convince others could not be gainsaid, and at the third prosecution to oppose to the analyst's report he entered this legal certificate. But the laws says that the milk shall be of a certain density, and the agricul-

tural experts say that it is impossible for the milk to be so deficient in nourishment if produced under normal conditions. So the magistrate inflicted a third fine of \$20, and also ordered that notices of the conviction should be posted in the neighboring villages. The farmer has now made another appeal. The department of agriculture, therefore, in making an inquiry into the pos-sibility of producing "watery" milk without watering it after milking, while the Department of Justice is ex amining the clause in the law to decide whether an alteration is not nee llew for abnormal cases where the offenders can prove that the milk has known no addition of water from the festival performances, and in Berlin have fallen in line, and till January at least, no concert programme will be considered complete without a Liszt number. The inevitable result has been to provoke columns of discussion as to the real worth of the composer's work

and his chances of immortality. Among musicians of a certain class it has been good form in recent years to treat Liszt with an air of lofty condescension, as lacking in depth as besmirched with the vulgar approval of the mob. As a programme attraction he has been put in the "popular concert" class, save for an occasional revival of one of the less known symphonic works. Apparently the result of the present Liszt renaissance will be a readjustment of critical opinion on this point. The many columns of comment published in Germany indicate that some of the critics have changed their minds, and are willing to concede that the composer had depth and inspiration, in spite of his sin of sensuous attractiveness. For a time, at least there is a prospect that the works of the re-discovered Liszt will serve as something more than tail-pieces to concert programmes.

COMPILING BOOK ON BRITISH COLUMBIA Mr. H. J. Boam, of Leading English Publishing Firm, Visits City in

Quest of Data for Treatise As recently announced in the Colonist a great work of reference in regard to the province of British Columbia is in course of compilation, its sponsors being one of the leading firms in the publishing world, Messrs. Fells, of Fleet street, London, England, Mr. H.

J. Boam, who has the direction of the

undertaking, is at present on a visit to Victoria. Describing the work Mr. Beam said yesterday: "The title of our publica-tion is both comprehensive and descriptive: "British Columbia-Its His tory, People, Commerce, Industries and Resources.' Our aim is to collect all available information coming under these headings into one volume, and to llustrate it so fully that the reader abroad will have no difficulty in imagining that he is in the province. He will certainly wish he were here, and

country. I have travelled a great deal world which has impressed me so much by its beauty and other natural advan-

"The character of these works is such that they make a very strong appeal to all classes, especially tourists, sportsmen, business men, financiers and investors. Also I am confident that our work on this province will do much to open people's eyes at home to the remarkable inducements it offers to good class emigrants-I mean people of some standing, who will not throw up their position at home and make frash start in a new country unless you depict it fully ,accurately and vividly. In the main, though, the monied classes-manufacturers and investors, can turn a volume of this kind to the greatest practical use. It is an essential part of our work to set out clearly the fullest possible information about the resources of the province, the various special conditions affecting investments in the established industries and the directions in which further capital could be most usefully employed.

headings will give you some idea of the comprehensive nature of our book. Here is a list of the principal items: History, administration (provincial and municipal), population and social conditions, emigration, finance and financial institutions, harbors and shipping, ecelesiastical, educational, meteorological agriculture, sports and pastimes, geology and minerals, nora and fauna, forestry and the lumber industry, fish-

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FIREARM MYSTERY Shipment of Bifles Brought from Germany is Seized by Customs Authorities at Leith

LONDON, Dec. 9 .- Investigations are being made by the Customs authorities as to the precise destination of a consignment of rifles, which has been seized at Leith under peculiar circumstances. The firearms were part of a general cargo brought by the Scottish port from Germany by one of the regular trading steamers of James Currie and company, acting as managers of the Leith, Huil, and Hamburg Steam Packet

company. It appears that the seizure was made fully a month ago, the consignment being quietly removed to a warehouse, where they have been retained under the custody of Customs and police officers ever since, in the hope that either the consignors or consignees would take some steps to discover their whereabouts. The rifles fill ten large cases, which were entered in the bill of lading and other documents as "zinc." They were consigned by Messrs. Currie and company's steamer as far as Leith, transhipment to be effected there to the steamers of the Antrim Iron Ore company, which runs regularly, between Leith and Belfast. It is known that the goods, which included a small proportion of revolvers and bayonets, were consigned to Belfast, but details are lacking as to the name of the consignees if such was given.

It is supposed that the rifles were intended for some of the Ulster clubs which have expressed their determination to fight Home Rule. Every effort was made to keep the capture from leaking out, in the hope that the parties interested would be emboldened to show their hand by making some inquiries In this the authorities have been disappointed, no claimant having put in an appearance.

LISZT RENAISSANCE

Audiences in German Cities Treated to Many Performances of Hungarian Musician's Works

BERLIN, Dec. 9.-The German con cert-goer is being fed to the point of urfeit on Liszt. The universal atten tion paid to the centenary of the great Hungarian's birth has been a surprise to most of the celebrants themselves, will certainly wish he were here, and in Welmar, Heidelberg, Munich, and you can take that as representing my Cologne there have been especial Lizst own feelings about your wonderful

Strauss and Nikisch have been giving myself and say sincerely that I have concerts in his memory. The soloists not been in any other part of the tages. "Is there any special class or classe of the reading public that you will cat-

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"We have drafted our working syllabus," Mr. Boam continued, "and the

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Two Hundred Drowned

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 8 .- Between 150 and 200 workmen were today plunged into the Volga river through the collapse of a railroad bridge near Kazan. The bridge, which was in course of construction, was carried away by the pressure of ice. Only four corpses thus far have been recovered.

Dr. Owen's Craze

LONDON, Dec. 8 .- Dr. Orville Owen of Detroit, who earlier in the year conducted excavations in the river Wye for manuscripts which he believed would establish that Bacon was the author of the Shakespearian plays, later abandoning them, will sail for America tomorrow. He says he will find the boxes containing the library if he has to remain in Europe for the next forty years.

Cardinal O'Connell's Church

ROME, Dec. 8.—Cardinal O'Connell oday took possession of his titular church of San Clemente, which is owned by the Irish Dominicans and was asthe object of his visit Mr. Boam said streed to the new cardinal by the Pope you his election to the sacred college

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