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Arrival of the "Empress of Japan" and the Departure of the "Warrimoo."

The Last Salmon Ship of the Season Clears With Valuable Cargo.

from the Orient at seven o'clock last evenfrom the Orient at seven o'clock last evening, having left Yokohama on the 5th inst.

Exceptionally rough weather was experienced all the way across, but no less was join His Honor at the main entrance. The enced all the way across, but no less was occasioned. The difficulties of navigation caused the detention which resulted in the vessel arriving more than a day late. She brought a large cargo of freight, the usual Oriental merchandise, including about 400 tons for Victoria. She had 12 saloon passengers and 137 Chinese, of the latter 19 being for this port. The saloon list is as follows: Mrs. Allen, A. Allen, M. Baggallay, T. Brubacher, A. A. Donaldson, H. J. Dutton, Mr. Keater, Sir Thomasand Lady McIlwraith, Mr. Neale-Turner, Capt. V. C. Smyth, J. Tulloch. The last named landed at Victoria, and proceeds to day or to-morrow to Tacoma. He is connected with the Northern Pacific Steamship agency at Shanghai, and has come across on a business visit. Capt. V. C. Smyth is an officer of the Lincolnshire regiment, and is on his way home to England from Caylon. Sir Thomas Med. Tulloch. The last named landed at Victoria, and proceeds to day or to-morrow to Tacoma. He is connected with the Northern Pacific Steamship agency at Shanghai, and has come across on a business visit. Capt. V. C. Smyth is an officer of the Lincolnshire regiment, and is on his way home to Eogland from Ceylon. Sir Thomas Mc-Ilwraith, with Lady McIlwraith and H. J. Dutton, secretary, are going to Eogland. Ilwristh, with Lady McIlwraith and H. J. Dutton, secretary, are going to England, but will spend some time sight-seeing in Canada and the United States. The tug Sadie was the tender which went out to the Empress, and had a long trip, as the big steamer went off to anchor in the Royal Rods. As the storm of the early part of the day had by this time quite died out, the reason was not apparent. Even the little tender did not roll or pitch in making the massage.

Tit is expected that the attendance of visitors to-day will be exceptionally large; the Mayor and Council of Victoria, by invitation, will occupy seats especially rested parties, they having formerly resided here:

"The Wellington street Methodist church was the scene of a happy event this (Wednesday) afternoon upon the occasion of the marriage of Miss Josephine Russ, M. L. A., daughter of Rev. A. E. Russ, M. A., Brantford, to Mr. Malcolm S. Schell, Woodstock. At one o'clock, amid the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, the bridal party en-

The vessels of the Australian line and the Empresses again met at Victoria yesterday, as by curious coincidence they have on nearly every trip inward and outward for the past few months. On this occasion each was a day late. The Warimoo left Vancouver at five o'clock yesterday morning. She experienced the full force of the storm on the way down, the spray sweeping over the decks and bridge, and the vessel, whose usual steadiness in a storm is a matter of general comment, rolling in a most uncomfortable manner. The storm yet raging fiercely when the Warrimoo reached here about noon, Capt. Perry decided not to run any risk of damage in making a landing, and accordingly had the vessel taken into Esquimalt harbor and there anchored. About 4 o'clock she was brought round to her usual berth at the outer wharf, where the mails and cargo were taken on, and at 7 o'clock she cleared for Sydney via Honolulu and Suva. She had a good passenger list for this time of the year, and about 600 tons of cargo, including 10 tons salmon and 50 tons general merchandise for Honolulu, 80 tons salmon, 250 tons lumber ickets, etc., and 30 tons general merchandise for Sydney; 100 tons machinery for Melbourne and 20 tons for other parts. Her passengers and the places whence they registered are: Frank Burnett, wife and two children. Seattle; the Misses Brice, Moosomin, Assa.; J. E. Carne, New South Wales; A. Diekson and Miss Dickson, Victoria, Australia; Wm. Downie, Vancouver; A. Greenville and wife, England; Dr. Ings and wife, Nova Scotia; Mr. Misenheimer, Portland, Ore; A. McKinnon, Toronto; A. McPherson, Montreal; W. Peter, Victoria, Australia; E. Price, W. H. Parsons, G. F. Wilkinson, New York; W. Wynne, Sydney, N.S. W.; and F. G. H. Williams, Montreal. HEAVY SALMON SHIPMENT. about 600 tons of cargo, including 10 tons

amounts to 61,091 cases, the total value of which is \$321,541. The vessel's charterers are Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., who in the year 1890 forwarded to England by the bark Henry Villiard 65,319 cases, the largest shipment from British Columbia on insurance business, and who during the largest shipment from British Columbia on record. The Harold, which is 1,299 tons register, is in command of Capt. S. R. King; her cargo in detail is as follows: Cases. Marks.

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LUMBER SHIPMENT FROM VICTORIA. It will probably be late to-night before the Northern Pacific steamship Tacoma will be ready to sail for China and Japan, as she has to load here 20,000 feet of lumber and a small amount of general merchandise. She arrived in port from the Sound about 5 o'clock last evening. The outward pas-senger list will not be very large, but will include ten Chinese from Victoria.

THE PURBLA ARRIVES. Owing to the rough weather she experienced on the way up from San Francisco the steamship City of Puebla did not arrive as early yesterday afternoon as she usually does. She brought over 75 tons of freight for Victoria from the coast material is bedoes. She brought over 75 tons of freight for Victoria from the coast metropolis, be-sides fifteen cabin and eight steerage pas-

The American ship Eclipse, 1,536 tons, Capt. Peterson, completed loading at the Hastings Mill, on Monday. She has on board 1,072,820 feet of lumber and spars valued at \$10,720, besides 600 cases of salmon. Her destination is Greenock,

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Grandholm, hence with salmon on October 19, has arrived safely at

Paris, Jan. 17.—The Senate adopted unanimously to day the bill to convert the 4½ per cent rentes into 3½ per cent rentes.

OPENING OF THE HOUSE. The Programme to Be Followed in the Cere-

monies of This Afternoon. The last session of the sixth Parliament of British Columbia will be formally opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon by His Honor, the Lieut. Governor. The ceremonies will not differ materially from those of former years, though there are one or two changes in detail.

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The order for the guard of honor, in charge of Captain W. B. Smallfield with Lieutenants Williams and Monro, is to parade at 1:30 o'clock at the drill hall, in re-The Royal mail steamer Empress of view order, with great coats and leggings.

Japan, Geo. A. Lee commander, arrived The salute of fifteen guns will be fired from three field pieces on the water front opposite

new representative of Cariboo, the seconder being Mr. D. M. Eberts, of Victoria district.

"THE QUEEN'S OWN GUARDS."

Liliuokalani's New Army Drawn From the Northwest Mounted Police.

How the Brigade has Been Recruited -Marching Orders Awaited.

The Canadian - Australian steamship Warrimoo, on her way to Honolulu to-day is bearing to the Hawaiian capital letters which are deemed to be too important for transmission through the mails and which have accordingly been entrusted to the care of a modest and uncommunicative traveller. They are addressed to Theophilus

dent of Vancouver, who is at present in the insurance business, and who during the C-nadian Northwest rebellion saw considerable service as one of Boulton's scouts.

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Davies were to enlist 200 lirst-class men to form a Queen's body guard and to be employed as Her Majesty sees fit. looked for in the mail brought to San Fran-cisco by the Australia and as they have not to hand it is feared that they have fallen into the hands of the Provisional Government. Hence the despatch of the

Government. Hence the despatch of the agent on the Warrimoo.

He is instructed to communicate without delay the wishes of the Queen and her advisers, the intention being to send the little army forward by way of San Francisco in small detached parties, this course being necessary in order to divert suspicion and also in order to avoid the neutrality law and about the possibility of Britain and also in order to avoid the neutrality law and obviate the possibility of Britain being rendered in any way liable for consequences. The party will be in charge of Captain McKeand, an ex sergeant of the Northwest Mounted Police, and of the full complement of two hundred. Transportation rates have already been discussed and arranged for in Vancouver.

Making up the Queen's Own Guards, which will contrast strongly with the soldierly of the Provisional Government composed for the most part of unemployed mechanics—are many ex-officers and also of the Northwest Mounted Police and also of the Northwest Mounted Police and also of the 91st battalion of Winnipeg, all or nearly all of whom have seen active service. One bundred and fifty men are promised by Major F. J. Clarke, of Winnipeg, brother of the ex-attorney general of Manitoba, who has been recruiting in the prairie province; these are included in the 200 asked for.

Congress on the tariff bill. The Metal Exchange of that city has several representatives in the United States, and cable dispatches on the probable vote on the tinplate schedule are received daily. The leading Welsh papers also have almost daily editorials on the subject, taking the ground that only the repeal of the tinplate duty can sweep away the prevailing depression in the principality and insure at least a temporary revival. A census made during the past week shows that 225 Welsh mills are idle, and in many cases where the employes have offered to work at half the former wages the managers have refused on the ground that operations even on this basis would incur a loss.

Ing with shell has, our shores with other fish; lakes, rivers and inlets abounding in trout, the woods and forests with game, that any of these should be in want of food? Cannot they capture these? There is plenty-of wood on the shore and in the forests; a lucifer match will enable any one to make a fire and cook the food after it has been caught. Thousands of Indians resources of the country, why cannot their successors do it in cases of emergency? It does appear that what is called civilization, necessitating the division and subdivision of fabor, has in a great measure destroyed the aptitude of civilized man to gain unassisted from nature's stores food for his existence. The animal faculties for seeking sustenance

CAUGHT BY CUPID.

Nuptials of Mr. J. H. Falconer and Miss Northcott at St. James' Last Evening.

Other Well Known Victorians Married in Eastern Canada.

The cosy church of St. James was crowded last evening by a congregation of interested spectators of the nuptials of Mr. J. H. Falconer and Miss Orvilla Northcott, daughter of Mr. W. W. Northcott, the city assessor. A handsome costume of white embroidered crepon, trimmed with lace, satin ribbon and a very tasteful dress of white cashmere, trimmed with lace, and also carried to the altar a bouquet similar to the bride's. Mr. George H. Cowan, of Vancouver, supposted the groom, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven tying the nuptial knot. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of Mr. Northcott, where around the well-arceived. Northcott, where, around the well-appointed table, their various friends wished the young couple the usual compliments. The wedding tour will take in Portland and the Sound cities.

The following account of the wedding of Mr. Malcolm S. Schell and Miss Josephine Russ, taken from the Brantford Courier of

grin's wedding march, the bridal party en-tered the church, the bride being led by her father to the altar, which was beautifully decorated by the young people of the church.
The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. A. E. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. A. E.
Russ, M.A., father of the bride, assisted by Rev. D. M. Schell, M.A., and Rev. R. W.
Millyard, of St. Thomas, brother and brother-in-law of the groom. The bride, who looked charming, was becomingly attired in white faille silk, trimmed with Brussels point lace, wearing veil and orange blossoms and carrying a bouquet of white roses; the only ornament worn was a diamond pin, the gift of the groom. The brides Miss Sadie Russ, sister of the bridesmaids, Miss Sadie Russ, sister of the pridesmaids, Miss Breithaupt, of Berlin; Miss May Fowler, M. E. L.; London, and Miss May Fowler and Grown and Miss May Fowler and Company, and in grather quiet at present. Dairy produce has been coming in with tolerable freedom, and eggs have taken another drop of five cents per dozen, with prospects of a still further reduction. The first market is per dozen where the fock-out of the longshoremen by the Pactic Coast Steamship Company is that the cut in wages and other conditions announced by this company are also to be enforced in the loading of coal ships at the Oregon Improvement Company's bunkers. The shops and spartan and bark Germania are carrying coal for the Black Diamond Company, and in addition to these the only ones running here are the ships Kennebec, Columbia and Commodore. The Black Diamond ships will pay but 40 cents an hour hereafter. Capt. Hanson, of the Columbia, now loading at the bunkers, said yesterday that he should use his own orew, and in case that the majority of the city butchers will not find it necessary to go outside of British Columbia for their the city butchers will not find it necessary to go outside of British Columbia for their hand orange blossoms and carrying coal for the loading of coal ship groom, were dressed in yellow and heliotrope crepon and carried bouquets of yellow roses, wearing pins set in pearls, the gifts of the groom. The groomsmen were Mr. M. S. Mercer, B. A., LL.B., adjutant, Queen's Own, Toronto; Mr. C. P. Smith, B. A., barrister, of Toronto, cousin of the groom; and the ushers, Mr. F. Mercer and Mr. Herbert P. Schell, cousin and nephew of the groom. After the ceremony the guests repaired to the parsonage where a sumptious dejuner was partaken of and the usual toasts given. The floral decorations were artistic and beautiful. The guests were from a distance, and were nearly all relatives of the bridal couple. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, of Oshawa, uncle and aunt of the bride; the former Canadian commissioner to the nephew of the groom. After the cere-

Says the Orillia Times: The first wedding that ever took place in the Presbyter-ian church came off at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, (Dec. 27) when Miss Marion G. Carter, of Victoria, B.C., became the bride of our young townsman, Mr. Robert J. Frost. Miss E. Frost acted as bridesmaid and the groom was supported by one of his Western friends, Mr. A. Belfry, of Victoria. The deremony was strictly private, no one being present but the members of the families interested. The knot was securely tied by the Rev. Dr. Grant, the bride being given away by the groom's brother, Mr. W. S. Frost. After the knot was tied the party Frost. After the knot was tied the party drove directly to the station and left on their honeymoon for Detroit and points West, The presents were very numerous and costly, many coming from the coast, where the bride was a great favorite among her friends. On their return home Mr. and Mrs. Frost intend giving a station to friends at their home on Albert reception to friends at their home street. As he has been admitted as a part-ner in his brother's extensive watchmaking and jewellery business, Robert is here to

"THE POOR AND NEEDY."

To THE EDITOR:—Your leader of this morning is timely and suggestive. True it is, that there are some destitute persons; there always will be unfortunately. There are families who need and must be assisted, ones heart ges out to them. Generally speaking these are provided for by the benevolent or benevolent societies, of which there is no lack, but who may be straitened for means. for means. There are too the aged, the sick and infirm, unable to work. The necessities of these must also be provided for, and in the main are attended to. It hould be understood that want of charity

is not lacking. these are included in the 200 asked for.

U. S. TARIFF.

SWANSEA, Wales, Jan. 17.—The metal trade is anxiously awaiting the action of Congress on the tariff bill. The Metal Exchange of that city has several representatives in the United States, and cable dispatches on the probable vote on the tinplate schedule are received daily. The leading Welsh papers also have almost daily editorials on the subject, taking the ground that only the repeal of the tinplate duty can sweep away the prevailing depression in the principality and insure at least a temporary There are, however, a number of young,

seem in a great measure to have been lost, or, at all events, kept in abeyance, and thus human beings have become dependent on each other, with the loss of self reliance and energy likewise. Man seems to be nomadic still, but, unlike the ancients, he cannot feed himself as he travels. Still how many even in British Columbia have supported themselves in the forests (do also today). themselves in the forests (do also to-day)

and have become rich?

How often does it strike one that it would How often does it strike one that it would be far better for many of these young, robust, would-be industrious people were they to settle on and cultivate land, raise provisions for themselves and some to spare for or sell to other people; to be self-reliant, independent and their own masters, instead of waiting about for work to turn up. The work that they do for masters they could do equally as well for themselves, and the results of their labor would accrue to themselves personally. The labor employed on the soil would improve its marketable value, for the soil, generally speaking, is not valucrepon, trimmed with lace, satin ribbon and the soil would improve its marketable value, for the soil, generally speaking, is not valuatifuled the bride's attire. In addition she carried a bouquet of white hyacinths and it, and yet therein lies wealth and subsistoleanders. Miss P. E. Northcott, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and appeared in Land can very easily be obtained—it is said Land can very easily be obtained—it is said to belong to all—why then do not "the all" take it? Here comes a difficulty to which allusion has been made, that man seems to have lost the aptitude of living a natural life-and yet this is most necessary to the pioneers.

pioneers.

It is not many years since pioneers thus lived and flourished. Now-a-days a pioneer, a man who takes up land, will not remain on it, if he cannot have beef, mutton, a railroad and other luxuries—he will not be satisfied with game, fish and other natural resources, and herein lies one reason, why young people are so averse to colonize wild land. Yet a little self-denial and self-control for two or three years would make them virtually masters of their own house, lands and stock, and independent of the ordinary skilled or unskilled pendent of the ordinary skilled or unskilled labor market. The pioneer, however, must not borrow any money—his labor must be his capital.

It must be admitted that these ideas will not prove practical for immediate use. If the distress be great, the benevolent will find a remedy, but the remedy will be re-quired year after year, unless people become self-sustaining—not flock to cities to idle or look for work, but work for themselves on land, and thus be not a burden on, but a valuable acquisition to, the country and a

cents per dozen, with prospects of a still further reduction. The fruit market is hardly as well stocked just now as it was a

Salem. Ogilvie's (Hungarian). Lake of the Woods (Hungarian).

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 10@12

 " (Smoked), "
 12@15

 Halibut.
 10@12

 Cod, per lb
 3@10

 Small fish
 6@8

 Smelts, per lb
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KASLO-SLOCAN.

SEATTLE, Jan. 17 .- Of the Kaslo-Slocar mining district of British Columbia Mr. Wolfard, a well known Eastern Washington miner, says: "In my opinion no dis-trict has ever been discovered which showed brighter promise with a like amount of development than is now shown by the Slocan country. Quite as great a propor-tion of prospects have developed into mines as you will find in other districts, but the great factor which places Slocan at the head of the list in the matter of enormous probabilities is the high grade of the ores. In all my range of reading or experience I have never heard of a mining camp whose silver In all ores would average above 100 ounces per ton as a smelting proposition. Slocan ores rarely run less than 100 ources, and we have a record of hundreds of tons which have smelted over 300 ounces per ton. Surely such high grade ores if continued both in quantity and quality, with great depth, will make a record for that district which will astonish the world."

BOTH ANXIOUS.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Rome correspon dent of the Daily Chronicle says: "Intimates of the Pope believe that a revolution is impending in Italy. The bishops and higher clergy are on the side of law and order. The lower ranks of the Siculian priesthood are regarded at the Vatican as being in sympathy with outrage. The Vatican shares the anxiety of the Quirinal."

AMERICAN NEWS.

World's Fair Report Presented to the President-Sugar From 'Frisco to New York.

Missouri Lynching -Tram Accidents -Washington Hops in England.

Washington, Jan. 17.—President Palmer, the World's Fair commissioner, called at the White House this morning and presented to the President his annual report, which also included the report of the awards, which have already been published.

San Francisco, Jan. 17 .- The Spreckels SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The Spreckels Sugar company has signed a contract with the Rosenfeld line to ship about 50,000 tons of raw sugar hence to New York, via Cape Horn, during the ensuing year, at the rate of \$2.50 per ton. The ship J. D. Rice, which leaves in a few days, will take the first shipment of about 800 tons. It is stated that high railroad rates have caused this new departure. this new departure.

Sr. Louis, Jan. 17 .- John Buchner, negro, who yesterday brutally assaulted a young white girl and a middle aged negro woman near Valley Park, Missouri, was lynched this morning by a mob, who broke open the jail and strung a rope to the railroad bridge.

FAIRVIEW, N.J., Jan. 17.-A construc-Jersey, went through a temporary trestle near this place this morning, falling on a number of Italians who were working underneath. It killed two and nearly all the others were injured.

cut in wages and other conditions announced the loading of coal ships at the Oregon Improvement Company's bunkers. The ships Ivanhoe and Spartan and bark Germania are carrying coal for the Black Diamond Company, and in ones rundadition to these the only ones run-

addition to these the only ones running here are the ships Kennebec, Columbia and Commodore. The Black Diamond ships will pay but 40 cents an hour hereafter. Capt. Hanson, of the Columbia, now loading at the bunkers, said yesterday that he should use his own crew, and in case he wanted more men could pay but 40 cents an hour. They could not afford to pay more and carry coal to San Francisco at \$1.80 per ton. It is known that Capt. Sawver. of the

Melbourne and 20 tons for other parts, there passengers and the places whether the passengers and the places and places whether the passengers and the places whether the passengers and officer, of the charges made against him in the schooner, eight or ten in number, when last seen were tied to the masts and spars.

charging the grand jury yesterday, said:
"Every individual is equal before the law, rich or poor, high or low, whatever his station or condition in life, and should you a speech in benail or the prisoners, accusing a sensational newspaper of having caused the "boys" to act as they had done, and expressing the regret of their parents at their action. Sentence was reserved. rich or poor, high or low, whatever his sta-tion or condition in life, and should you find infraction of the public laws, I have every confidence that you will fear-lessly bring them to light, among which-ever class you may find them. Should you, however, fail to find facts sufficient upon which to base accusations it will be a favorspirit of our people, and your labors will not have been in vain."

STATE OF SIEGE.

Rome, Jan. 17.—The decree proclaiming the state of siege in Carrara and Massadi Carrara said : "The movement, while nonpolitical, is directed against society. Its aim is the dissolution of the Italian nation, the injury of property and the destruction of family life." The relation of the Carrara of family life." The relation of the movement to that in Sicily is only suggested movement to that in Sicily is only suggested. movement to that in Sicily is only suggested by the language of the decree. General Hulch, commander-in-chief of the district, published this evening a manifesto in which he said: "I shall watch rigorously over the destinies of the hard-working populace who have been disturbed by the misconduct of a few head-strong and misguided men." General Hulch appeals to the etitizens to cooperate with him in his efforts to preserve order. All the quarrymen at Carrara struck this afternoon, and there is a prospect that all the marblecutting trades will be paralyzed.

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The day passed without a disturbance in Carrara. The streets were deserted and a Carrara. The streets were deserted and a heavy and steady rain kept most persons in doors throughout the district and caused a doors throughout the district and caused a suspension of Anarchist activity. The troops have continued, despite the storm, to pursue the bands of Anarchists who have field from the city. In one house about eighty men were arrested this morning. They all were revolutionists who had gone from Carrara and Massa to hide from the police.

IMPROVED OUTLOOK.

New York, Jan. 17 .- Throughout the country there are indications without number of an improvement in the general outlook, and it is the opinion of many close students of financial and commercial conditions that business has reached its low ebb. tions that business has reached its low ebb, and that the tide has begun to turn. The number of manufacturing establishments that have resumed operations during the present week foots up more than double the total for any week since the beginning of December, and, while in a good many cases the resumption has been attended by a reduction of wages, yet the fact that the outlook is sufficiently fair to warrant a re-opening at all is regarded as an excellent sign.

Still another indication is to be found in the renewed activity of the real estate market in many of the leading cities. This is especially true of Chicago, where some of the leading real estate men say that they are doing twice the business that they did a year ago. In Milwaukee also a heavy transaction recorded within a few days establishes the highest price ever reached for real estate in the Cream City. On Wall street there is a more buoyant feeling than for several months, and the railroads report an increased movement of freight and heavier passenger traffic. Altogether the conditions are decidedly encouraging.

St. Louis, Jan. 17.—General satisfaction is expressed in commercial circles over the report of the State Labor Commissioner on his canvass of the factories of the State, which has just been completed. The returns so far as St. Louis is concerned show that in the face of the general cry of men out of work, the manufactories are finding employment for a larger number of men than when the census was taken in 1890. Taking four staple manufactories as a type, it is shown that the tobacco and cigar hands Still another indication is to be found in the

when the census was taken in 1890. Taking four staple manufactories as a type, it is shown that the tobacco and cigar hands have increased from 3,968 to 4,758, the furniture and cabinet-makers from 2,870 to 3,200, and the shoemakers and repairers are 1,247 to 2,200. The representate of in-3,200, and the shoemakers and repairers from 3,347 to 3,800. The percentage of increase varies from 20 to 35 per cent. The return was the result of personal investigation and not of a canvass through the mails.

PORT ANGELES LOTS.

PORT ANGELES, Jan. 16.—Captain William D. O'Toole and George G. Lyon, regisnumber of Italians who were working underneath. It killed two and nearly all the others were injured.

TACOMA, Jan. 16.—Ezra Meeker is in London, England, having spent the holidays in Paris. He has been very successful in selling Washington and Pacific Coast hops. The average price at which Mr. Meeker is said to have disposed of his hops was fifteen cents. He sold a greater quantity than ever before, and it is expected that he will invest a larger amount than usual in hop culture next year. He reports the Pacific Coast hop taking the lead abroad.

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—The new feature of the lock-out of the longshoremen by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company is that the cut in wages and other conditions announced report is, there is not a single family in Port Angeles receiving county or city aid, and to pay for lots at government prices since the first of last November citizens have raised and paid to Receiver Lyon the fully \$50,000. This week will close sale.

LOST IN A SNOW SQUALL.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The Dutch steamer Amsterdam arrived from Rotterdam this morning. The captain reports the loss on January 14, in lat. 43.21, long. 58.18, during a snow squall, by the capsizing of a lifeboat, of the chief officer and five men lifeboat, of the chief officer and five men while they were attempting to rescue the crew of the sinking American fishing schooner Maggie E. Wells. Another occupant managed to hold on the capsized craft until rescued. Another craw volunteered to attempt to take the crew off the schooner, but the Captain of the Amsterdam decided to await until the snow equall abated. Meantime the schooner was lost sight of, and although a search of two hours was Washington, Jan. 17.—The acquittal of Captan Daniel F. Stiles, a retired army made it could not be found. The crew of

NELSON'S MONUMENT AFFAIR.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17 .- (Special.)-The cases of Henri Mercier, J. O. Pelland and P. Demartigny, charged with attempting to blow up the Nelson monument with dynamite, was called in the Police court yesterday. James Cochrane, a local contractor, certified that he had examined the monucertified that he had examined the monu-ment and expressed the opinion that even had the explosion taken place the damage would have been very small. The case was postponed till to-day, when the accused pleaded guilty. Ex-Premier Mercier made a speech in behalf of the prisoners, accusing

UNITY OF THE EMPIRE.

London, Jan. 17 .- Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian High Commissioner in London, in speaking in Welverhampton this evening, emphasized the actual necessity existing that Great Britain and her Colonies should preserve the unity of the Empire. Separation of the Colonies would diminish the Empire's greatness, he said, and would cause the colonists to suffer in many ways, cause the colonists to suffer in many ways, notably by loss of prestige and the protection of the British flag. If Great Britain's present policy toward Canada had been adopted in the last century toward the American colonies, the American Union might now be the bright star of the Empire.

CANADA'S POSITION.

London, Jan. 17.-Lieutenant-General Sir George Tompkins Cheney, M.P., delivered a speech in London last evening on the defences of the British Empire. He expressed the opinion that the English colonies generally, with the exception of Canada, are perfectly safe in the event of war with the United States. It would be impossible, he said, for Great Britain to prevent Canada from being annexed to the United States. United States.

One of the Emerald Gang. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—Frederick Mil-ler, one of the Emerald gang of smugglers, was held by the United States commissioner o-day to await the action of the grand jury.

The world-wide reputation of Ayer's Hair Vigor, is due to its healthy action on the hair and scalp. This incomparable preparation re-stores the original color to gray and faded hair, and imparts the gloss and freshness so much lesired by all classes of people.

BIRTH

CAMPBELL—At the manse, 74 Cook street, on the 11th inst., the wife of Rev. Dr. Camp-bell, of a son. WALKER—At 22 Cadboro Bay road, on the 16th instant, the wife of Walter Walker, of a

DORMAN—LEGG—On January 10, at St. Barna-bas Church, Frank Dorman to Alice Legg, both of Victoria.

SHAW—At 43 Third street, the wife of James Shaw, of a daughter,
OLARKE—On January 12, Eva M. daughter of W. Clarke, aged I year and 8 months,