of the Mother Land, and the reason we that by the preferential tariff which sh had extended to Great Britain the Br ish people recognized the first stro move towards free trade and the fede ation of the Empire (loud applause).

In the election of 1896 the sch

question was the great theme of politic discussion. It was a contreversy the threatened the very life of the Domin ion, yet Sir Wilfrid had settled it, as he had promised to do, in a manner sat factory to Catholics and Protestar alike, except the extremists, and th the Liberal party could claim credit f having averted a great danger to th country (applause). The opponents of the Liberal party had prophesied that Great Britain would never revoke her commercial treaties with Belgium and Germany in order to allow Sir Wilfrid's. policy of preferential duties within the empire to go into effect. But the treaties had been denounced, and Canada was given a free hand (applause) All other countries were to be allowed t take advantage of the low duties which Great Britain now enjoyed with us, by they first gave us corresponding advantages in their markets. Was not this direct step in favor of free trade the world over? It was, the speaker be

lieved, the longest step forward that had been taken since the days of Cobden and Bright (applause) .. The Crow's Nest railway was perhan the most important matter, at least a regards this constituency, which the new Literal government had to deal with The Conservatives said during the elec-tion campaign that if the Liberals were returned to power there would be no chance of having that railway built. Bu this, like all others of the predictions evil that was to follow if the Liberal got into power, had been abundantly shown to be untrue. The railway will be built to Fort Steele within a few menths (loud cheers), and built under ake such favorable conditions that the gov ernment are empowered to control the

passenger and freight rates in the interests of the people (renewed cheering) The Liberal party was a party of action, not of words or of promes made to be broken. In the past it had been charged that the C. P. Railway Company had controlled the Dominion government That charge could no longer be made for the government were now in absolute control of their whole functions. In the case of the coal lands of the Crow's was Nest the government had taken such action as would prevent any possible monopoly, because they kept control of the price that should be charged for coal (applause). These achievements were he believed, but the entering of the thin edge of the wedge by the government to obtain control of railways everywhere and their operation in the interests of the people. In the past the practice had been to give the country's resources away to individuals. That practice was to be changed; the government hereafter and would keep them and administer them in the general interests (loud applause)

Mr. Bostock continued to speak in reference to the new franchise act, which was dropped at the last session on account of pressure of business, but would be taken up next year. He was in favor of a thorough measure of civil service reform which would do justice to the men who had faithfully served the sked ple through a lifetime in their official

Regarding the improvements neces sary for the proper navigation of Kootpromises, because it was often difficul to carry them out, but he saw the neces sity of keeping up the navigation for as long a period as possible each year, and he would represent the matter to the minister of public works so as to have the government engineer go over the river this year and make an estimate of the work necessary. He hoped that it would not prove too costly and that they would get the improvements that they were looking for.

In concluding Mr. Bostock said that in Canada the Canadians had a splendid heritage, and he advised those Americans who had come in here to live to be come citizens of the country so that they would be able to exercise the electoral franchise and take a part in the dire tion of the affairs of the nation floud ap-

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reply to any questions on political topics that might be asked, but none bei made, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Bostock, moved by Dr. Watt, and seconded by Mr. J. A. Har-

WITHDRAWS HIS CHARGES.

Fortester Retracts His Accusations Against Collector McDonald.

J. S. Clute, the customs inspector for

this district, who has been engaged for

the past week investigating charges preferred against B. R. McDonald, the local customs officer, by Allan Forrester, formerly a clerk under Mr. McDonald, expects to complete his examination tomorrow, when his findings of fact will be forwarded to the department at Ottawa. A decision in the matter will be issued from the department and it will be some time before the result is known. The most interesting development in the case occurred on Saturday night, when Inspector Clute received from Allan Forrester a complete retraction the charges which he had made against Sub-Collector McDonald. It was these charges, which were very sensational, that caused the present examination Mr. Forrester had been a clerk in the ustom house up to the time he filed his Collector McDonald with having misar

the legal amount. Mr. Forrester's pres

phase on the situation.—Rossland Min

"What's that?" exclaimed the deaf

dividual who was held up by a fignation of the state of t

ent retraction puts an entirely

The police, who have not been paid for complaint with the department, and among other allegations he charged Subnonths, are openly accused of robbing trangers. President Barrios, says Mr. Bertz, has the controlling interest in olied government funds, as well as being very new enterprise, and it is asserted collusion with L. J. Finnegan, the hat no one can secure a concession of customs broker, to the mutual profit of o business without giving him a share. man from El Paso, who claims to discovered a valuable gold Mr. Forrester accused the sub-co nine, says he found the whole property tor with having been particularly when the recent tariff changed recorded in the name of Barrios, and to when, so he said, the official had charg avoid being cast into jail for protesting. excessive duties, and pocketed all about

left the country. ACCUSED OF LIBEL.

Editor of the Silvertonian Is Under Ar rest at Silverton.

Silverton, Sept. 27 .- James Cameron litor of the Silvertonian, was arrested | plicated.

yesterday for criminal libel on a charge laid by Constable Hamilton. He was CANADA OBJECTED brought before Justice Granville and remanded till Monday, October 4th. This was the first court ever held in Silver-The Real Reason for Great Britain ton. The town is excited over the matter. Two petitions are being circulated. Withdrawing from the

Seal Conference.

Meeting To Be Purely Consultative

and to Have No Bind-

ing Effect.

New York, Sept. 29.-The English

atisen in the negotiations for the seal

conference assumes that the idea of in-

viting Russia and Japan was an after-

thought on the part of the Washington

ttempting to enlarge the inquiry by

lrawing Russia and Japan into it when

Lord Salisbury had specifically argeed

the conference restricted to an ex-

hange of views among the American,

These assumptions are entirely without foundation. When Mr. Foster returned

from St. Petersburg last summer, Russia

had agreed to a conference. Before Lord

Salisbury wrote his dispatch of July 28

apan should be included was plainly in

The Russian ambassador in London

For a month preceding July 8 no secret

vas made of the fact that the United

States government had invited Russia

and Japan to take part in the conference

and was anxious to have Great Britain

and Canada co-operate with the move-

The assumption of certain English

ournals that the proposal to include

for giving the lion's tail another twist.

The truth is that the master of the

to the emergency, for in a perfectly cour-

July 29, he reminded Lord Salisbury

When Lord Salisbury decided in Sep-

at Washington, as ill-informed critics

for his retreat, but it is not a foregone

conclusion that he will cross it and break

the conference. On the contrary, it

probable that an international meeting

It is understood in diplomatic circles

been felicitously phrased, and have pro-

office. What was needed was tact, and

England and Canada will probably be

onference, with the understanding that

they cannot be outvoted or committed to

retire from it when they choose to do

The conference will be entirely con-

ultative. It will supply scientific infor-

mation, which will be used in determin

the last fur seal herd on the face of the

waters. It will have no binding force

pon any nation represented in the dele

The attitude of the American govern

ent is so reasonable that it is probable

al lines after the foreign office has pro

vided adequate evidence for future

he sly, wicked jingoes in America.

NO PROTECTION THERE.

Guatemala.

etense of a trial. Conduct which is

erlooked in the case of the native born

suatemalans, is considered a reason for

crest in the case of Americans, and

our government gives its citizens no pro-

ection. The American consul is engaged

of offending the government."

business and is afraid to act for fear

conference will be held on the orig-

would attend the conference,

will be arranged.

t has not been lacking.

ous letter of acknowledgement, dated

British and Canadian experts.

fully discussed.

nself in the question.

one for Hamilton's removal, and the other to assist Cameron in his defence. The Hamilton in question was former-ly constable at Sandon, where he was charged with malfeasance in office in having attempted to blackmail citizens of that place. The charge was investigated by Superintendent Hussey, of the provincial police, and Hamilton was subsequently removed to Silverton. He was not discharged from the service and the public has never been able to learn if the charge made against him at press in discussing the hitch which has

SKIES ARE CLEARING

The state department is charged with Danger of a Japanese Conflict Diminishing-A Settlement Is Proposed.

> Cash Payment In Gold Would Heal All Wounds-Will Compromise With Hawaii.

there had been several conferences at the foreign omce, and the desire of the washington, Sept. 29. An official anstate department that both Russia and he foreign office, and the desire of the nouncement of the departure of the Japanese cruiser Naniwa for Yokohama, together with the statement that the imhad an interview with Lord Salisbury on migration question raging between Hathe subject at the foreign office, har. waii and Japan is likely to be shortly Foster had a conference with Mr. Champerlain and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in which settled without arbitration; has thrown he scope of the proposed meeting was a peaceful aspect around the American The Japanese minister also interested

question in the Pacific. This cheering news has been municated to the state department by Minister Sewall, stationed at Honolulu, where mail report has just reached the department.

The most important statement made by Mr. Sewall is that the Hawaiian-Japanese authorities have estimated that \$100,000 in gold will settle the claims of the latter against the Dole Russia and Japan was an afterthought authorities, as a result of the rejection of some 1200 immigants who came to or the sake of entrapping Great Britain and Canada into a conference, in which the islands last spring.

they would be outvoted, is as baseless. Heretofore Japan has sheltered heras the fantastic idea that American di- self behind the statement that Hawaii omacy has devised a fresh expedient must admit first the "principle" of monetary liability," and when this admission has been made she would be creign office understood perfectly the willing to discuss the amount that goad scope of the conference to which should be paid to salve the wound her England had been invited along with dignity had suffered.

Russia and Japan, but accepted the pro-The fact that the mikado is now willposal in a guarded way, so that he ing to discuss the amount that she ould object to the presence of represen- claims is due her, instead of the primtative of those two powers if he chose ciple, means, in the opinion of the state department officials, that if neces-Ambassador Hay was, however, equal sary the Dole government can rid themselves of a troublesome question before congress convenes, so that Hawaii may present herself for admission to the that, as he had intimated all along, the Union free from foreign questions Russian and Japanese representatives which might otherwise be a stumbling block in her way to coalition with the United States. ember to object to the presence of these

Of course, it is optional with Hapresentatives, it was because pressure waii to pay this amount and settle the promise for Cuba, for it is recalled that been brought to bear unon him question. The Dole authorities never discharge there had om Canada, and not because there had admitted that they were liable to pay been any afterthought or Yankee trick a monetary indemnity as a result of the penditure of human life and vast treas-Lord Salisbury left the bridge open 000 in gold to Japan, that such action conduct of the war. It is believed that truth in the report. ments should in the future other migrants be rejected. This would be an especially serious matter in case union with the United States were not accomplished.

that the latest communications from It was suggested by a state depart Secretary Sherman on the subject have ment official, however, that Hawaii might follow the course pursued by the duced an excellent effect at the foreign United States in case of outrages upon foreign citizens in this country. It is usual for the government to pay an indemnity to the families of the victims, eft at liberty to send delegates to the with the understanding, however, that such action has no reference to the question of liability. definite policy, and that they can

State department officials, however, would be glad to see the controversy finally disposed of before the senate takes the annexation treaty under considera-

The departure of the Naniwa was aning the general question of the best measures requisite for the protection of ounced by Mr. Sewall and Rear Admiral Miller. The latter has satisfied himself that the Japanese cruiser has already gone to Japan, and, this being the case, the cruiser Philadelphia will come home immediately after the arrival of the gunboat Wheeling, with her orders to return "when the Naniwa has

The Baltimore will be placed in commission on Octooer 1, and will be ready ublication in blue books that it has not to receive her officers and men the moen coerced, bullied, or entrapped by ment the Philadelphia drops anchor in the harbor.

Another feature of Minister Sewall's report which was pleasing to the of-Americans Warned to Stay Away From ficials, was the statement that all was quiet in the islands. He refers to the Japanese portion of the community. San Francisco, Sept. 29.-Edward J. stating that they were evidently peace-Hunt and Julius L. Bertz, of this city, ably disposed; at least there is no pres who recently returned from Guatemala, ent evidence of any intention on their warn Americans against going there on part to participate in an uprising. ccount of the inadequate protection af-Minister Sewall also announced that the annexation treaty had been ratified orded life and property. Mr. Hunt says: "Arrests are made on the most flimsy by the Hawaiian senate without a disetexts and imprisonment after the

senting voice. The gunboat Yorktown has arrived in Yokohama on her way to Honolulu, where she is due in less than two weeks The gunboat Wheeling has carried about 40 men to the Hawaiian islands in addition to her own crew. The men will be transferred to the Yorktown which has a short crew. Upon the de parture of the Philadelphia Rear Admiral Miller will transfer his flag to the Bennington. Besides this vessel the American naval force in Hawaiian wawill consist of the Wheeling and

Yorktown. PLOT TO KILL THE CZAR. Warsaw, Sept. 29 .- Though an official denial will be forthcoming, it has leaked out that there was a deliberate and determined plot against Emperor Nicholas at the time of his recent visit to this city. Its success was only frustrated by an accident. One hundred and thirty arrests were made. Among those in cus tody are four disguised German officers who had been active in the actual work of tunneling a mine. A number of merchants and manufacturers are also im-

A Bold Filibustering Expedition to Cuba Is Quickly Nipped in the Bud.

Feared That Many of the Party Were Massacred by Enraged Spanish Officials.

New York, Sept. 30 .- A special to the Journal from Hayana says: Capt. Jose Monasterio and a company of marine artillery embarked secretly on the gun ooat Neuva Espania some days ago and left Havana in the night. It was rumored that the authorities heard of the destination of the filibustering expedition and are quietly preparing to seize it. The greatest secrecy was observed. A gunboat waited quietly in the Bay of Cor rientes, Pinar del Rio. It is impossible to ascertain how the expedition was captured or the names of the filibusters, but the Neuva Espania arrived in port last night bringing one Hotchkiss gun, 190 cartridges and shells, 12 cars of Mauser cartridges, four Remington and Mauser

rifles and four boats. The officials assert that the expedition was only intercepted when the cargo was landed and the men escaped. Owing, however, to the knowledge of the authdispatched, and the unusual official reticence concerning so great a Spanish an amelioration of the coup, it is to be feared that the whole sive conditions. expedition has been massacred.

From reliable authority it is learned that twenty-eight of the party, including several American artillery men who had been sent down with the cannon, were taken prisoners and summarily executed. It is impossible to verify the latter statement, though many things combine to show there is good ground for believing

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS. Madrid, Sept. 29.-The Spanish cabinet has resigned, the Queen has accepted the resignation, but has asked General Azearraga to continue in office until a solution of the crisis is found. Her ha-jesty will summon the leaders of the various parties and the presidents of the chambers to-morrow to consult as to the situation. Senor Sagasta has been tele- Sir Oliver Mowat Said To Have Matgraphed for and it is believed that the Liberal leader will be asked to form cabinet.

Washington, Sept. 29.-Secretary Sherman does not believe that the change of ministry in Spain will materially affect the relations of Spain either to the United States or Cuba, which part that when the cabinet is reorganized it will be found to be still of a Conservative tendency. On the other hand, high officials in the administration expect that a Liberal cabinet under the leadership of the veteran Sagasta will be erected on the ruins of the Azcar- He repots the mining outlook in Koocase the future is said to be full of ful that the Lake of the Woods district. ptess their opposition to the great exthe Liberals are not prepared to go the length of promising freedom to Cuba, but from the expressions of the leaders of the party it is noped that they are home rule to the island. London, Sept. 30 .- A dispatch from

Madrid says a rumor prevails there to ber may be reformed. the effect that a communication has been received by the Spanish government from the leaders of the Cuban insurgents suggesting a basis of a possible settlement of Cuban difficulties.

Madrid, Sept. 30.-As a result of the interviews which Gen. Azcarrage, the retiring premier, and Gen. Polavieja, had at the conference with the queen regent, her majesty became convinced that it is impossible to reunite the Conservatives in order to form a strong ministry. Therefore she accepted the resignation of the ministry.

THRASHER DESTROYED.

One of the Torpedo Boats Coming Here Lost and Three of Her Crew Killed.

The officers of the Esquimalt yard were busily engaged in placing mooring buoys in Esquimalt harbor for the two torpedo boats, Thrasher, and Virago, which are coming to this station from England. The buoys placed for one of the vessels will, however, not be used for a long time to come, for news has come in a dispatch from Plymouth, Eng., that she has met with disaster In company with the torpedo boats Destroyer and Lynx she ran ashore during a fogron Dodman's point, near Plymouth. The Thrasher broke in two soon after grounding and it was feared that the Lynx would do the same. A steam pipe burst on board the Thrasher before she broke and three stokers were killed and two injured. The crews of both the Thrasher and Lynx have been taken off. The Thrasher, which in company with the Virago, was soon to have sailed for Esquimalt, was a very swift length over all.

A WOMAN LYNCHED. A Notorious Character Strung Up by Negroes in Virginia.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 30.-A special to the Evening News from Cowan's Depot, Va., savs: "Peb" Falls, the worst wo man in the Virginia mountains, has been lynched. The body was found yesterday dangling from a rope hitched to a syd more limb. It had been hanging there several days. The lynchers were prob-ably negroes, as "Peb" Falls had not associated with her own race for years. The lynching was done at Massamitten nountain, six miles east of here. "Peb' Falls was as vile a woman as could be imagined, but bad as she was, the citizens and governor will not put up with the lynching of a white woman by negroes. The woman fifteen years ago was respectable.

THE CAMPAIGN CONCLUDED. The Insurgent Indian Tribesmen Subdued by British Forces.

Simla, Sept. 30.—The campaign against the Momands is successfully concluded, and nothing now remains but to collect the fines. The upper Mohmands have been severely punished, and the lower Mohmands, cowed by the success of the British troops, are accepting terms with the British commanders. Raiders are looting in the vicinity of Hangu, and a force of insurgent tribesmen attacked Sudda yesterday, but were easily repulsed. All the English women have been removed to places of safety in Kur-

THE FEVER SITUATION. Great Blockade of Freight Near New Orleans-An Angry Mob.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 30.—President Oliphant, Dr. Carter and Dr. Gaitera reached this city early this morning. They left yesterday to meet Dr. Swearig and other health officers with a view to raising the quarantine embargo against freight, and had a very rough experience Raine. A mob with shotguns prevented further progress and they were ordered to turn back, which, under circumstances, they were compelled to During the trip they had gathered up twenty-four representatives of the health boards and had a meeting at Cade at which they fully discussed the situation here and elsewhere and adopted a resolution tending to relieve the congestion of freight. A committee was aporities some days before a gunboat was pointed to communicate with the author ities of the lines with a view to securing an amelioration of the present oppres

Washington, Sept. 30-A summary o the progress of the yellow fever epidemie up to the close of yesterday, made at the office of the surgeon-general of the marine hospital services, gives a total of 682 cases, and 60 deaths in the entire country.

Walter S. Booth Crushed Between Cars-Prof. Dawson Back from H's Trip.

rimonial Intention .- Young Men for the Senate.

Ottawa, Sept. 30.-Walter S. Booth, rallway mail clerk, nephew of J. R. seems to indicate an expectation on his Booth, who was married eight months ago, fell between two cars on the Canada Atlantic last night and was killed. Deeased's wife was on the train. Prof. Dawson returned here last night

from his trip through British Columbia. raga cabinet. If this should be the tenay excellent, but not any more hope-The Montreal Gazette, in its Ottawa correspondence to-day, says that Sir Oliver Mowat is going to be married to a Toronto widow when he goes to gov-ernment house. Those who ought to

H. H. Cook is here pressing his claims to the Ontario senatorship. It is not likely he will succeed, as the govern mentiare appointing young and strong willing to grant a liberal measure of men to the senate, so as to make up in quality for what they have not got in numbers. In this way the upper cham-

The postmaster-general has approved the design for new postage stamps, which will be issued when the present stock of stamps is exhausted, in about three months.

SCHOONER BRYANT ADRIFT. Grave Fears Entertained for the Safety of a Port Townsend Craft.

Port Townsend, Sept. 30.—The tug Holyoke arrived last night from Michaels, having left on September 11 with the schooner J. Bryant in tow. On the 21st of the month, while off Kadik island, a heavy storm prevailed, and the tug was forced to neave to for 24 hours. During the storm the hawser which connected the schooner to the tug parted and the schooner went adrift. While it is rot thought that the Bryant has been lost, grave fears for her safety are en tertained. She carried a crew of seven men and two passengers.

NEEDN'T LOSE SLEEP.

No Reason Why Canadians Should Tremble at the Yantic's Presence. Toronto, Sept. 30 .- Speaking of the

dispatch of the steamer Yantic to Lake Erie, the Globe says: "The Yantic is a superannuated ves sel, which has just been discarded by

the United States navy, and its presence in Lake Erie need not keep the people of the north shore awake at night. It is altogether unlikely that it is a breach of the treaty; for if the United States desired its abolition, there it nothing to prevent them bringing it to a termination She was about 270 feet in by giving the requisite notice.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

St. Catharines Growing-Steamship Officials at St. John, N. B.

St. Catharines, Sept. 30.-The returns for the city show a gain of \$225,000 in property and two hundred and fifty in lation since last year. St. John, N. B., Sept. 30.-A number of Dominion steamship officials paid a visit here yesterday and inspected the harbor. They refused to state the ob-

ject of their visit. Mentreal, Sept. 30.-Canon Leblanc one of the most venerable priests in the arch-diocese of Montreal, died this morning, after a long illness.

"Does your husband worry about the grocery bills?" asked the nagged-looking "Law, no!" said the lady with the new silk skirt and rusty shoes. "We let the grocer do all that."

WAS HE MURDERED?

W. A. Gordon, of Nanaimo, Arrested on Suspicion of Having Killed His Partner.

He Makes Several Contradictory Statements Regarding His Partner's Disappearance.

These and His Strange Actions Caused His Arrest at Hazelton.

William A. Gordon, a former resident of Nanaimo, is under detention at the provincial jail with the prospect of the serious charge of murder being laid against him. At present there is very little evidence against him, nothing in fact save his own actions, contradictory statements and strange proceedings. The crime which Gordon is supposed to have committed is very similar to that for which Butler, the Australian murderer, recently paid the full penalty at Sydney, New South Wales. Butler, it will be remembered, lured his victims into the wilderness, killed them and stole their effects. Gordon is held under suspicion of being guilty of a very similar crime. He is thought to have killed his mining following consignments: From the Felpartner, a fellow Nanaimolte named Isaac Jones, and appropriated his goods. Garding Co., Naas Harbor, Gordon was brought down from 4.277; from the same company's camery Hazelton by Provincial Police Constable at Mill Bay, 1,722 cases; from the Bal-Chapman and arrived at Victoria yes moral cannery, on the Skeena, 2,031 terday evening on the steamer Tees. Immediately the steamer arrived he was handed over to Sergt. Langley, of the provincial police, who was awaiting him, and by the sergeant he was taken to the provincial jail.

He was arrested at the instance of Indian Agent R. E. Loring, whose suspicion that all was not right was aroused by the strange actions of Gordon. He and Jones started out from Ashcroft last spring across the mountains to Germantown Creek, on a prospecting expedition, and from there they intended to go to Findlay and work around that part of the country. Early in July last Gordon returned to Hazelton, avoiding Manson Creek, through which Jones and he had passed on their way in, when coming out. He immediately began to dispose of his partner's goods at Hazelton, selling the outfit, clothes and everything, including all Jones' personal property. Then it was that the people of Hazelton got suspicious and whispers began to fly about concerning the disappearance of Jones. When Gordon was first questioned about his partner he said he was coming on after him and on another occasion he said that Jones had returned by way of Quesnelle. His eagerness to dispose of his partner's goods, and his many contradictory statements as to what had become of Jones, led Mr. R. E. Loring, the Indian agent at Hazelton, to believe that there had been foul play and he ordered Gordon's arrest.
When arrested about \$400 was found

coat, at the cuffs and collar. a monetary indemnity as a result of the exclusion of the Japanese immigrants, and they may feel, if they pay the \$100,
a Tofonto widow when he goes to government house. Those who ought to know something about it say there is no his arrest, was that his partner had the river. been drowned in the Omineca river. In a later statement he says that he

and Jones left Quesnelle early last June to go to the Omineca country, and they travelled along the trail together until they came to a place where the trail was very bad, when they decided to build a raft on which to take them selves and their provisions down the Omineca. They built the raft, and leaving their outfits and provisions on shore decided to test it before putting the supplies and outfits on board. This was on July 12 last. Everything was left ashore, and both men had on only their trousers and shirts. When the raft was poled out into the swift water it broke and Jones was thrown into the river Gordon says he threw him a rope and made every endeavor to save him, but could do nothing. Seeing nothing could be done he came ashore, packed up all the goods and brought everything down to Hazelton. He intended, he said, to have come right down from there, make a statement and turn everything over to the authorities.

Explaining his contradictory state ments at Hazelton, he says that while there he saw people eyeing him askance and heard whisperings about the disappearance of his partner. Knowing hat he could not produce the body, and fearing trouble, he told them that his partner had gone out by way of Quesnelle, and had given him the goods to lispose of. He admitted that his action in this regard was wrong, but firmly lung to the statement that his partner had, been drowned through having fallen from the raft. He emphatically de nied that there had been any foul play, and said that should Jones' body

found there would be no marks of vioence upon it. The case is a strange one, as to-day no ne save Jones can say whether Gordon is alive or dead. As stated before, no evidence of any kind can be obtained against him save from his own state ents. A story is current at Hazelton that a revolver was taken from Gordon while on his way into the Ominecs country owing to his having threatened Jones with it. But this, as far as can be learned, is but a rumor, and an im probable one.

Both Gordon and Jones are single nen, of middle age, and prior to starting on, their prospecting tour worked as coal miners at Nanaimo. No charge has yet been laid against Gordon. No date has been set for the preliminary hearing of the case, but it

QUEST OF A KINGLY LOVER.

will undoubtedly take place very short-

Paris, Sept. 29.—The Radical has a sensational story that King Leopold of Belgium, now on his yacht Clementine, was heard of at Medeira. His destina tion is unknown. The story says the king is not bound to the Congo, as reported, but is on his way to the United States after the beautiful ballerina of the Paris opera, Cleo de Merode, whom the king has a violent passion.

PLOTTING AGAINST BRITAIN. Russia to Join Hands With the Ameer

of Afghanistan. Paris, Sept. 30.-A dispatch to the Politique Colonale from St. Petersburg says that the Afghan mission to Russia has departed, bearing a promise of Russian support in the event of Great Britain encroaching on the Ameer's terri-

The dispatch says that negotiations between Russia and Abyssinia continue with the object of establishing a league to oppose a British advance in Africa and, it is added, Russia is about to reach an understanding with the United States with a view of arresting the extension of the British empire in the Pacific.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The Happenings of a Day Along the Water Front.

The steamer Tees returned from her extended northern trip about midnight yesterday. She has been as far as Skidegate and called at the different way ports and canneries on her downward trip. She brought a large number of passengers and a very heavy cargo of freight. She was full up to the hatches with salmon and carried many barrels containing about fifty tons of dog fish oil from the Skidegate oil works on her decks. The salmon cargo in all amounted to 11,933 cases, made up from the eration Canning Co., Naas Harbor, Seena, 2,102 cases, and 1,800 cases from the Alert Bay Canning Co. Among the passengers who came down were Dr. Newcombe, Capt. Smith, master of the steamer Caledonia, which runs on the Stickeen river; provincial police constables Wilson and Holden, and W. Gordon, their prisoner, and a party compos ed of John Hamilton, J. Barber and C. Jones, who have been surveying a trail through the Omineca country. The Tees is advertised to leave again for the north to-morrow evening. She will go as far as Naas, calling at each of the ports en route.

On the steamer City of Seattle, which sailed for the north this morning, were a party of six prospectors, the remaining members of the expedition which sailed on the steamer City of Topeka yesterday evening to Sitka, en route to Copper river. The expedition is composed of about a dozen miners, who were passengers on the Bristol on her last and unfortunate northern trip. They have outfitted in Victoria, and have outfitted very completely. Each man is fully arm. ed, the greater number of them being provided with Winchesters. not fear interference from the Indians, but if the Indians do interfere with them, as they are reported to have done with prospectors working in that district they will fight. The party are under the management and guidance of an old and experienced miner named Green. They will meet at Sitka, and proceed from on him concealed in the lining of his there to Yukutat on the steamer Dora. At Yakutat boats will be procured for the remainder of the journey to and up

Notwithstanding the dire stories brought down by the downward steamers arriving from the north, those going northward still carry large complements passengers. The steamer City of Topeka sailed yesterday evening, and the steamer City of Seattle this morning, having between them over 300 passengers, all bound for the gold lands. The greater number are booked to Wrangel, intending to go in by the Stickeen route; many, though, are still rushing to Skagway and Dyea. Save the members of the Copper river expedition, but few passengers embarked at this port.

The Dominion steamer Quadra left this morning for Vancouver, from which port she will take Hon. Clifford Sifton. minister of the interior, and the party who are bound with him to Skagway. She is expected to sail from Vancouver to-morrow afternoon.

The sealing schooner Carlotta G. Cox has been lying out at the Race Rocks all day. She is on her way to port from the Copper Islands with a total catch of 1.438 skins. The Cox will be towed in to the harbor this evening.

critic. "that this pugilistic star is in the habit of making a punching bag of anybody who speaks slightingly of his histronic talent?"

"That's his custom." "I don't like to mislead the public. I gness the best thing to do will be to refer to him as an 'actor of great power.' " -Washington Star.

"Safe"at last." The electricity working up to date 1997 model burglar smiled and sighed a big sigh of relief.

"It was a close shavewined his forehead wearily. '-But at last the reporters have dropped the case and the police have taken up. Now I can rest easily."-Cincinnati Commercia - Tribune.

Mrs. Kingley-You say you like colored servants better than white because they are slower. How is that? Mrs. Bingo-It takes them longer to leave.-Brooklyn Life.

"Scientists are talking about the bicycle leg now." remarked Dukane. "A' man doesn't need to be a wheelman himself to have that," remarked

"Doesn't be?" "Not at all. He needs only a family of boys and girls, and they will pull his leg into hicycle shape in no time." -Pittsburg Ohronicle.

Washington, D.C., Sept. 30.—Firemen ore still playing on the rains of the Traction Co. this morning. The amount of the loss is roughly estimated as exceeding three-quarters of a million dollars The Capital Traction Co. loses