Senate Reading Room-

LIVES LOST IN

THEATRE FIRES

IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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to Straight Issues.

tion to the speaker be recalled.

NEW MANITOBA JUDGESHIP

WINNIPEG, Feb. 15 .- A delegation from the benchers of the Law Society met the attorney-general and other members of the government this morn-

ing to request that two new judge-

created, also that the appeal court

judges be not empowered to act as trial judges with a jury.

The government decided that only

one new judgeship would be created.

END 15,000-MILE RACE

AFFECTS POWER PLANTS

services with some difficulty.

of the King's Bench Court be

TWELVE PAGES—TUESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 16 1909—TWELVE PAGES

250 ARE CREMATED INMEXICANTHEATRE FILM STARTED FIRE Immigration Figures Show

Flores Theatre, at Acapulco, a Frame Building, Scene of Holocaust on Sunday Night -Thousand Were at Performance. Richmond, Va., theatre, Dec. 26,

BLAZE FROM MACHINE IGNITED DECORATIONS

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15 .- Between 250 and 300 people were burned to death and many were injured in a fire which destroyed the Flores Theatre in the

been destroyed last night owing to the fact that the telegraph office adjoining the theatre was burned and joining the theatre was burned and Barnsley, England, Jan. 11, 1908. all wires put out of commission.

The Flores Theatre was a wooden structure, and last night over 1000 people crowded into it to witness a special performance given in honor of Governor Damian Flores, of the State of Guerrero, who was visiting the host at the time.

One of the numbers on the program National Tariff Commission Conconsisted of a series of moving pictures. While the operator was exhibiting these a film caught fire and a blaze was quickly communicated to some bunting which had been used for

Only Three Narrow Exits.

In an incredibly short time the flames spread to all parts of the structure.

were confined to atempting to save, the adjoining buildings, and they suc-

The telegraph offices postoffice and the customs house was damaged, but all of customs house was damaged, but all of the government's records and register the government's records and register the standpat arguments' into the ject "the standpat arguments" into the are in no way inferior to those of the deliberations would be followed by the deliberations would be followed by summary ejection of the uninvited summary ejection of the uninvited of the 20,424 entries granted last year.

Prominent People Victims.
To-day pitiable scenes of grief are being enacted on the streets of the litwest coast port. Men, women and children are wandering from place to place, hunting for relatives or friends. Many of the dead are from the first families of the state, the affair at the theatre being a social event of siderable importance and calling out the wealthiest and oldest families for miles around. In some instances entire families were wiped out of ex-

municipal authorities to-day caused large trenches to be dug and into these the remains of the dead According to telegrams received from

there, recognition of the dead has been an impossibility owing to the fact that the bodies were burned, in most in-

The government decided that only one new judgeship would be created, and that no change would be made in the jurisdiction of the court of appeal at present.

Acapulco is on the west coast of the State of Guerrera, and is one of the three important ports of the Pacific coast in Mexico. Nearly all of the and the harbor is accounted the best in Mexico.

STEEL CO. TO MINE COAL

Have Option ou Good Coal Lands. and Could Mine Profitably.

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—A race of fifteen thousand miles between two schooners, which began in Nova Scotia June 14, ended to-day in Boston, when both made port, one about six hours ahead of the other. The winner is the B. F. Poole. The other schooner is the A. M. Davenport. The Poole reached Boston at 10 o'clock this morning.

GLACE BAY, N.S., Feb. 15.—Develop-ment work by the Dominion Steel Co. ment work by the Dominion Steel Co. Janeiro, with orders to touch West Inment work by the Dominion Steel Co.
will, it is reported, be shortly commenced at Cowan's coal areas at Port
Morien, on which the steel company
has an option. The general opinion is
that a start will be made by the Sydthat a start will be made by the Sydney corporation to mine its own coal. The seam is four feet thick and the coal is of excellent quality. It will take about three years for the work of development to proceed sufficiently to give the Sydney concern an output the Ice.

Some of the Notables Interested in Conservation of Resources. take about three years for the work large enough for all its purposes at the plant, and so render it practically in-dependent of the coal company.

It is claimed that the coal can be charged to the steel company under the

SUSPENDED FOR GRAFT.

Suspensions Reported Among Company's High Officials. VICTORIA, B.C., Feb. 15.—There has

been an apheaval in the British Columbia Electric Railway offices here. Many suspensions for alleged grafting have been made amongst high officials.

BROOKLYN. N. Y., Feb. 15.—The biggest map in the world will be constructed on the south side of the south side of the south side of the south side of the committee. It will be 3724 feet long, the method from the Manhattan shore to extending from the Manhattan shore to the though is spectro-General Hoad at register will be 69 feet in helght and at night will be denerable the roof. He was rescued to the same of the part of the roof of the academy rollerway crashed to the skating floor about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

OVERCOME BY GAS.

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LONDON, Ont., Feb. 15.—The skating floor about 4 o'clock this afternoon. Three bys and two little girls were skating on the floor at the time of the skating on the floor at the time of the skating on the floor at the time of the skating on the floor at the time of the skating on the floor at the time of the skating on the floor at the time of the skating on the floor at the time of the skating on the floor at the time of the skating on the floor about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

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That One-Sixth of Population Arrived in Last

OTTAWA, Feb. 15 .- (Special.)-That Canada has established a world's record in immigration is the boast made in the official bluebook of the de-

Brooklyn theatre, Dec. 5, 1876. 297
Central Theatre, Philadelphia,
April 28, 1892. 6
Front Street Theatre, Baltimore,
Dec. 28, 1895. 22
Iroquois Theatre, Chicago, Dec. 30, 1903. 596 During the twelve months, 262,469 immigrants arrived, an increase of 39,immigrants arrived, an increase of 35.

76. During the decade ending 1907-8, the total number was 1,166.126, of whom \$19,213 came from Great Britain, Ireland, and the United States, and 356,

"This tremendous movement of people," says the report, "is more than one-sixth the total population of Can-Lehman's Theatre, St. Petersburg.

arrived in Canada English, Scotch, Irish and Welsh immigrants to the lrish and Weish immigrants to number of 487,729, one-quarter of whom arrived tast year. "It will thus be seen," comments the deputy minister, that in so far as the quantity of the comment of the commen this particular class of immigration is conceived, it has now assumed sufficiently large proportions to satisfy the widely expressed desire on the part of Canadians thruout the old and new provinces that for obvious reasons we should receive a fair share of British

deserving immigrants who had not, on entering Canada, the necessary means to become at once self-supporting, may have been induced to come thru the injudicious zeal of philanthropic so-cieties engaged in this class of work." It is regarded as highly satisfactory that of the total exclusions of 1002 INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 15.—
Leaders in the movement for a permanent tariff commission, which takes form to morrow in the complex of the

few were suffocated.

The efforts of the fire department were confined to atempting to save the adjoining buildings, and they suction as proving its thorough the convention a tective Tariff League, has followed the to the northern part of Alberta or Sas-positive announcement of officials of katchewan, "where it will probably be the convention that any attempt to in-

Schooners Sail for Eight Months and Reach Boston Only 6 Hours Apart. BOSTON. Feb. 15 .- A race of fifteen

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 15.—
(Special.)—In an effort to break the cring of, representatives of three natice round their intakes the power complete round their intakes the power complete round the United States of the Canada, Mexico and the United mined at a figure lower than the price panies were to-day blasting the ice panies were to-day blasting the ice servation of the natural resources of with dynamite, and maintained their with dynamite, and maintained their

Decade.

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During the past twelve years, there

subjects emigrating from the old land.

Few British Undestrables.

"As to undestrables, some otherwise

There were but three narrow exits, and the panic-stricken audience rushed to them, many falling, to be crushed to death, their bodies choking the way of escape to others.

The screams of those imprisoned were terrifying owing to the rapidity with which the fire spread, and its intense heat. It was impossible to attempt rescue work, and those imprisoned were literally roasted alive as the fire burned with little smoke and few were suffocated.

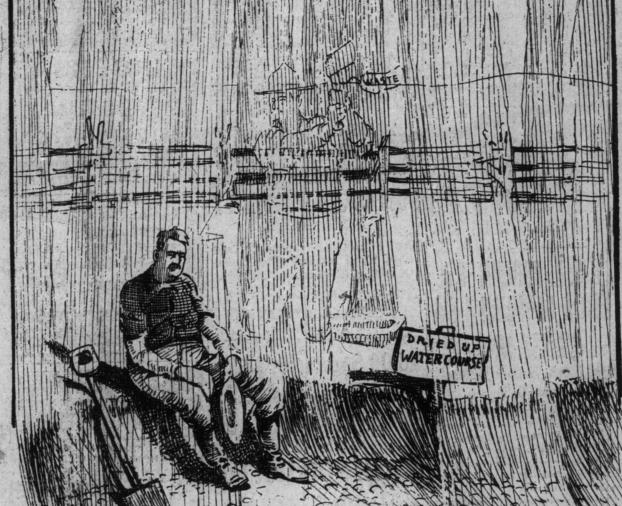
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summary ejection of the uninvited speakers.

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In connection with this it was inti7417 were made by Canadlans, 7818 by In connection with this it was intimated to-day that the proposed speech of Congressman-elect W. A. Cullon of Indiana must be revised, or the invitation to the speaker be recalled. tion of over 52,000 souls, leaving 8524 entries by other nationalities, repre-Government Partly Accedes to Request of Legal Deputation.

North America, will bring to Washing-



SQUANDERED WEALTH

A dream of the old-time woods.

I IIIIU MEDLLUI

Preventable Diseases Which Could be Combated by Federal Health

Bureau.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15 .- (Special.)-The medical men of the house had their innings to-night when Dr. Black, (Hants) entries by other nationalities, representing a population of about 21,000 souls. Of the Canadians who homesteaded 3696 were from Ontario, and 194 from Quebec, Austro-Hungarians to the number of 2472.

The gross cash revenue for Dominion lands for the year was \$1,098,219, a decrease of \$127,738; from school lands \$708,065, a decrease of \$121,336; from export tax on gold, the revenue was \$70.

by poisonous milk. There had been a great deal of indignation over the twenty-seven persons killed last year at level crossings, but what of the 27,000 slaughtered by diseases that could be prevented?

HE DAILY NEWSPAPER

Its Makers should Realize the Seriousness of Their Task.

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way of the proposal as it might cause friction with the provincial authorities. established to spread information such W. E. Stevens, in Giving Address, He would be glad if an office could b as is done in connection with animal

DROPS DEAD FROM FRIGHT Sudden Noise by Pestering Boys Kills Aged Woman.

These Piping Times of Peace W. T. Stead's London cable to Now York American: The process of recruiting vol-unteers by journalistic sensation is proceeding brickly. The

streets of London are daily filled with marching regiments, with bands, banners and artillery, in order to stimulate England's

NEW PRISON BUILDINGS ARE TO BE OF CONCRETE

Such Seems to Be the Intention, From Favor With Which Investigator Regards Models.

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., Feb. 15 .- (Speone-third died from preventible dispersion of the revenue was \$70.000, of the 31.347 of a falling off of \$58.026.

The total area soid by the government in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta during the year was 114.712 area for \$1,192,615 or an average of the same of the same of the country of the same of the federal parliament in the facts seases, a loss in money to the country of the same of the federal parliament in died from preventible dispersion of the facts seases, a loss in money to the country of the same of the federal parliament in and judisdiction; "but," he added, "as presented, the federal parliament in the facts seases, a loss in money to the country of the 31.347 bables under five years old dying every year, fully one-half were slaughtered by poisonous milk. There had been a the state farm at Bridgewater for several days, investing the methods of concrete constant of the federal parliament in the facts seases, a loss in money to the country of the 31.347 bables under five years old dying every year, fully one-half were slaughtered by poisonous milk. There had been a gating the methods of concrete constant of the federal parliament in the federal parli cial.)—John M. Lyle, architect, of To- as presented, the federal parliament ronto, has been at the state farm at had judisdiction; "but," he added, "as

Speaking of criticisms of newspapers he said: "There are few things less he said: "Some of them didn't take the trouble to understand it." replied Mr. Conmee. Mr. Haggart asked if the government gave the company the right to expropriate from the Ontario Government. "The hon. gentleman," replied Mr. Conmee. "As been a member of the government, saw difficulties in the way of the proposal as it might cause to the provincial authorities." WACHINGTON CONFERENCE

Was Attacked by Apoplexy and Died in Few Minutes.

Michigan Power Co. Bill Advanced for That Purpose-Conmee Persistent in Its Behalf,

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.-(Special.)-The Ontrio and Michigan Power Co. bill. which was rejected by the senate last the sphere of jurisdiction of the provincial government, was given its sec-ond reading in the house this after-noon, the both Mr. Graham and Sir Wilfrid Laurier declined to commit themselves to the principle involved. They desired to give the provinces the

opportunity to present their case.
Sir Wilfrid claimed that on the facts

again. He had better look up his own

Mr. McGrath (Alberta) declared that the bill contained a vicious principle, namely, allowing power to be exported to the United States, until we ascertained that we had power sufficient for AYLMER, Ont., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—
While delivering an address at the anniversary service in the Methodist

Church to night Mayor W. E. Stevens with dynamite, and maintained that there is little is estimated that there is little is estimated that there is little more than one-third the normal flow in the Canadian channel, and the water in the forebays is very low. The Amilian forebays and the delivering an address at the analytic forebays as the distance of the Northead forebays and falling back into his population, and the windows and being of a nervous disposition, she armed herself with a revolver. She warned the boys and dead last night from fright chair unconscious, died in a few minutes.

The gathering in the church was in the nature of a social function and was largely attended. Following supper, Mayor Stevens, who was a prominent member of the church, was called upon. He collapsed soon after he had tegun his speech. Doctors were summoned at once, but could give no aid.

for the general advantage of Canada. Hon. H. R. Emmerson argued that the bill should go to committee. Mr. Northrup dealt with the argument that the Nepigon was an international stream because it flowed into the great takes. As well might the Dominion Parliament grant the right to build a dam on the Don River, Toronto.

R. L. Borden pointed out that the bill did not give power to dam the rivers:

POWER POLICY

Will be a Feature of Hon. J. M. Gibson's First Official Speech to the Legislature.

His Honor Lieut-Gov. Gibson will open the twelfth legislature of Ontario at 3 o'clock this afternoon. This important function revolves around one event, the speech from the throne, in which His Gracious Majesty King Edward communicates his views thru his right trusty and well-beloved John Morison Gibson on the government of Ontario. A distinct impression pre-valls in circles frequently well-inform-ed that Sir James P. Whitney and his colleagues give reliable tips to his honor about what he ought to say. honor about what he ought to say.

At all events it is understood that the speech this afternoon will refer to the fact that the transmission line for electric power has been contracted for and that thirty-five municipalities have sought power from the commission. This matter may be dwelt upon by his honor as the finest feather in the governments contracted.

ernment's cap.
The activity of the mining industry is another matter of first importance which ought to be touched upon, and the success of the T. & N. O. Railway in this connection.

The effort of the government in bring a better class of immigrants from Great Britain is a question of policy on which stress may be laid.

Among the measures to be foreshad-owed are the measures for law reform and a number of revised acts, which are the result of the labors of the sta-

tute revision commission.

Affairs at the Soc.

The payment of the Soc loan calls for mention, together with the fact that the additional capital is likely to

invested in the enterprise at the Announcement has already been made that the government intends to change

the fiscal year to Oct. 30.

The celebration of the Quebec Tercentenary and the nationalization of the battlefields of Quebec is likely to be commented upon and its success, which was due in large part to the el-

forts of the governor-general.

Reference will doubtless be made to the pleasure felt by his honor in meeting the legislature with which he in years gone by so long associated. Swearing in of members was proceeded with yesterday. Premier Whitney headed the list and all the other resident ministers followed, leaving Hou Adam Beck and Hon. J. S. Hendrie to sign to-day. "I do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Edward VII." is the

Work For the Legislators. Applications for new bills were pre-sented by several municipalities yes-

Middlesex County has a debenture debt of \$48,260 maturing now, and legislation is asked to consolidate and renew the debentures. Hamilton City Council asks power to issue debentures to provide the cost

session, on the ground that it invaded of railway spur lines for manufacturing industries. St. Catharines applies to validate the elections held on Jan. 4 last.

Kingston wants to close up and sell a part of Earl-street. Clinton Township, in Lincoln Co., wants to be divided into two townships, north and south.

Brantford seeks power to use the Waterous old property for city hall and government buildings, or as a mar-Sault Ste. Marie wants confirmation of a bylaw to aid in the construction

Mr. Devlin of Quebec are here to discuss with the government the proposed regulations to be applied to the fisheries in waters more or less near to the international boundary under the new treaty.

Under the treaty, it is proposed to hand over the control of waters deseribed as international, to a commission, who would fix and colct dues, and enforce and make reg lations, precisely as each nation does to its own private waters. Considerable modifications have been

made in the concession granted by Canada, but the provincial governments claim that provincial rights are still being violated. Ontario is the province most vitally affected on account of the length of the water bound-

The Ontario Government takes the ground that the regulations admit Americans and Canadians equally to the neutral zone waters, and claims that this is an invasion of the proprietary rights in the fisheries guaranteed to the provinces by the B.N.A. Act.
Practically the whole of the great
lakes are included in this naval zone. but while Americans are admitted to the fishing grounds of the Georgian Bay, Canadians get nothing but the fished-out waters of Lake Michigan.

CHINESE WALKED ACROSS ICE.

OGDENSBURG, NY., Feb. 15 .-- Eight Chinamen were captured here to-day, having walked across the St. Lawrence River on the ide from Canada. They arrived at the border from Montreal on the midnight train and were piloted. here by an Indian.