A WISE MEASURE

Let no one be unduly alarm

clamors of the Colonist over th disfranchise Her Majesty's troo ig in this the Britgarrison and the gentlemen of ish Columbia civil service. positively nothing to be alarmo about. roduced with. The new bill, which is to be in affront next Monday, is in no sense to the gallant defenders of the empire. nor is it in the least an injust will civil servants. On the contra be welcomed, we should fancy, ter body, for it at one strol them of a duty which in past y an undoubted source of misun rstanding and annoyance, and makes m absolutely independent of politics This is the ideal condition for a memb of the civil service, and this bill is only another of those measures which have though powerfully a purifying ef ect upon the civil service. So, far fro feeling the Coltoward the proposed measure as onist this morning rather absurd alleges they do feel, they have excelle ground

As for the soldiers and sailors, o hardship at all is done to them by he hill. They are only temporary rest this station; any interest they in our public affairs must be of transitory character; hundreds of then ake no interest whatever in our public affairs. and no blame to them; therefor e to declare that they are ineligible to not depriving them of any right which they hold dear. Neither can the e bill be construed as a slight to the force s. or as "ungracious." (the very cautio us word employed by the Colonist). It'i simply a measure clearly defining with it was. or diffithrough laziness, carelessness dence on the part of the Turne govern ment, never defined as it sho

for satisfaction.

With the passing of this bill will know exactly where he stan gard to the franchise, and even the Colonist half admits that there is mighty little to carp at in the measure. not be in force a twelvemonth b efore its good common sense and pre ecticality will be plain to everybody. It is a measure which admirably shows the resight of its framer.

"B. C. FIRST PARTY.

. We observe the four Victor bers of the Legislature are the vignatories of a published card bearing the foregoing caption and calling upon the supporters of the Turner party to attend a meeting in Foresters' Half or Friday evening to organize. Organization, then, is so badly needed? Bu what about this latest change of title narty? "What's in a name?" quoth Shakespeare; the Turner party I have apparently awakened to the un pleasant fact that there is more in a na ne than sometimes appears on the surface First it was the Turner party; then it was the "Progress and Prosperity Part-_next

it was the "Constitutional Pan now it is the "B. C. First Part evident: next we wonder? One thing is conjure Turnerism is no longer a name to of that with. Even the blind devotees form of political depravity are it used ashamed of the name. Formerly gnificato carry rather a respectable s tion: at least, in its earlier days which not synomymous with the offence whenare now associated with the titl ever it is mentioned.

This word has gone through th morphosis which has overtake nhewords in the English language; t nomenon which consists of word formectable erly of good repute and res nd constanding falling into a mean temptible use. We might instant ie many such words; Archbishop Trench. it num-"Study of Words" gives a gree not one ber, but of course, Turnerism is Formof them. It was not born then. slipshod erly Turnerism meant simply government and the selfishine it mean worthy men in office. What does

For one thing there is the Es Q election petition trial which proved that By contrast with the slovenly habits Turnerism might mean bribery ruption; there was the British railway case, which proved Tu might be synonymous with broke. ises, unlimited prevarication and less confidence in the gullibility mongering scandal which pr Turnerism may mean thing that is objectional

and in politics. We ne the other instances that might tioned here to prove that the sn of Turnerism are showing exceller in hiding up that name, also in in the sign marked "Progress an perity" and in hauling down the

with the strange device: "Consti-So, it is to be "B. C. First I Not "Number One First Party" matter what the title, however, the it will be the same. For what I does that party exist? Its leade tend to be quite ignorant of the ious fact that the public are qui isfied that the Lieut.-Governor w feetly justified, more than justified evidence, in dismissing the Turns istry. The talk, therefore about party being the constitutional pr sheer nonsense. As for the progre prosperity about which those gen make so much noise, where are Where would British Columbia be had not the people become alari the stupendous debt the Turner were piling upon the shoulders court; in the sheriff's hands to

lumbia can testify to the kind of pros- that the present government are perity that came to them under the Turner government; they want no more of the word.

The merchants and business and bus by the ner government; they want no more of bill to it. The merchants and business people generally throughout the province can give some evidence on the progress question; it is progress of a brand they do not desire to form any closer acquaintance

Then to come down to the latest title of the party: "B. C. First Party," we to the should just like to put this question: Was it B. C. First with Messrs Turner the lat- & Pooley, the chiefs of the party, when relieves they made that lucrative arrangement ars was | with a speculative Klondike company in London? Surely it was Number One first that time? At any rate it was B. C. last, sure enough. Why, then, this right-about-face in favor of the very province that was to be exploited for all it was worth? No, gentlemen of the Turner faith, your last title is worse than your first because it is not honest, because it is intended to convey the idea that the party opposed to you is not quite as faithful to British Columbia as you wish the public to believe you are. an inference that is patently absurd, and because this province has had more than enough of your kind of patriotism, y take The proper title of the Turner party, if it is ashamed to be known any longer by that name, is the Back Number Party, because its day is past and, like any other back number, it is not very likely to be called for again. All the organizing the leaders can do will never

ABOUT THE O.C.'s.

order.

put that party into anything like working

That alarmist journal, the Colonist has been at it again. The nerve-destroying scare provided this time is in con nection with the Q.C. bill recently intro duced in the House. The Colonist solemnly assures its readers that this is an attempt by the Attorney-General to legislate himself into the leadership of the bar of British Columbia. Horrible! But what a pity the Colonist did not know before it penned that article that the Attorney-General does not need to bring in any bill to legislate himself into the position of the leader of the bar-he is that already, and the people by their votes put him there. Can it be possible the Colonist does not know that the Attorney-General is always leader of the bar? It is so in England, in all the British colonies, in the United States; why not in British Columbia?

The position of O.C. has deteriorated and this bill is the first attempt to raise the standard to make the position what it ought to be-one of honor, a recognition and reward of merit. Everyone admits that the Q.C.ship has fallen into disrepute in Canada, and the British Columbia benchers not long ago passed a resolution in effect condemning the character of the appointments made by the late Dominion government, by asking that no further appointments be made for British Columbia without their betorney-General's bill makes provision for such appointments.

The contention that it would be a graceful act to re-appoint all the Q.C.'s appointed by the Dominion, is an invitation to this province to be "graceful" even at the expense of repeating the error. No time should be lost in putting this important matter on a proper footing, and it will be a creditable thing for British Columbia to show the way. Everyone will regret if any Q.C. should of the province is the first thing to be and end to end. considered; those gentlemen should not will not be affected by this bill; they are still Q.C.'s.

A BUSINESS GOVERNMENT.

nd cor- of the Turner administration the style Pacific in which the present government transmerism acts its business is simply delightful to prom- watch. Under the old regime whole bound- weeks would be consumed in doing what of the now occupies not more than hours. The public. Then there was the company mystery of those long, wearisome sesd that sions is now explained. There was far every- too much luncheon-room duty to attend inister to, and far too much shirking and burkmerate ing of business on every possible occamen- sion. Let one run over the list of things done by the present legislature in one orters sense afternoon and the contrast is amazing. These are things the people appreciate: they cannot fail to see that the business Prosof the country is now in strong and capbanner able hands; hands that do not fumble tion " and make expensive mistakes. Many an elector goes to those galleries to have a look at this government that the opposispirtion press tell him is going to ruin this rpose country and that makes a specialty of iniquitous and unworkable legislation, and when he sees how smoothly everysatper- thing runs, listens to the plain, straightn the forward and convincing speeches of the min- ministers, and hears the feeble arguthis ments of the opposition, he realizes that ty is the opposition press is not a safe guide. s and The government have introduced and lemen passed this session more useful legislathey? tion than the Turner government did to-day during their whole term of office; and they ed at have done it without any fuss or exciteparty ment, even during that ripple of rowdyof the ism on the part of certain ill-advised suptaxpayers? Why, in the bank ruptcy porters of the opposition over the Election dead Petitions bill. The people of this procertainty. The farmers of British Co- vince will know before a year has flown the wreck of the balloon.

The provincial treasury has been en riched by the sum of \$200, being the amount of fines imposed on the two gentlemen who were convicted of personation at the recent election in Alberni, It is known that one of the fines was paid by a cheque drawn by a prominent Turnerite. It is rumored that one of the personators has supplied a sworn statement naming the parties who induced him to commit the offence. According to the act, any "attempt to induce" is punishable in the same manner as per sonation itself, namely, by penalty not exceeding \$400 and one year's imprisonment. No doubt the matter will be thoroughly investigated when the election petition against Mr. Neill comes up for.

PROVINCIAL OYSTER BEDS. To the Editor: The surmise regarding the oyster beds newly found near Sechelt Mr. H. W. Whittaker mentioned in your paper last evening as having nothing to do with the oysters planted two years ago in these waters by Professor Prince, amissioner of fisheries, is quite correct eastern oysters planted by instruction from the fisheries department were not placed anywhere near Sechelt, but at Ovster Ray, near Chemainus and in Sooke or; at the latter place, I understand Mr. Young, the lessee of the beds, the eastern oysters planted there by Quadra are generally doing well. Id the oyster beds newly found at Separate proported they will. I am every as reported they will. I am sure

JOHN T. WALBRAN. Captain Fisheries Protection Service. D. G. S. Quadra, 10th February, 1899.

PORT OF LYNN CANAL

Seattle Makes Big Protests Against the Probable Cessation of a Northera Port.

Seattle, the Windy City of the Sound and Skagway, which probably will soon be the lone wolf on Alaska's shores, are mitting long, loud howls over the report that Canada is to be given a port on Lynn canal. Resolutions have been passd by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce otesting, and telegrams are being sent intervals to the American members of the Joint High Commission and to senators asking that anything be done but not this. Then, too, a document has een prepared for printing and general listribution. This is to be sent to the nfluential men of national affairs to which the telegrams were addressed, and also to every senator and congressman. to the members of the legislatures of the Pacific coast and to all the Chambers of Commerce, including those of Juneau

and Skagway. Britain, by clear and formal treaty, determined the intervening line between their respective possessions on the continent of North America. Great Britain then acknowledged the right of Russia to all of the Pacific coast north of 54.40 and Portland canal, and west of the symmits of the range of mountains nearest to the coast. If such mountains were far from the shore, then the line was to ing informed. The right to make those be drawn ten marine leagues from the appointments has been settled by the ocean. During the following forty-two judicial committee of the Privy Council years Russia remained in undisputed to belong to the province, and the At- ownership of all that region known then as Russian America, and until, in 1867. her title thereto was passed to the United States for \$7,000,000.

Then after reciting the growth of Alaska and the business done with its ports it bewails the fact that American con trol would be gone as follows:

"In taking these places it will transfer from the United States to a foreign power the sole and absolute control of intercourse with the great interior, in which is involved a traffic of enormous proportions and of great worth. It will injure every citizen of the United States. from San Diego to Sitka, and will hufeel injured or offended, but the position miliate the country from ocean to ocean

"For the first time in our history the flag will be hauled down, and the land complain at losing something they must over which it long floated will be given themselves admit they had no right to. away, sold or surrendered. This, too, As to the Dominion courts their positions without considering the wishes, wants or rights of the people most affected; and this, too, for either no consideration at all or for a consideration of trifling character. That such an act can be perpetrated in these days of national glory, of patriotism and expansion, is incredible Against its commission the protests of the people should avail, and that of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce is here and now earnestly and respectfully presented.

ANDREE STORY

Explorer's Brother Does Not Credit the Report That the Remains of Aeronauts Have Been Found.

Krasnoyarsk, N. Siberia, Feb. 10 .-The chief of police in the province of Yeniseisk has gone to Taimur peninsula e investigate a report brought down by a mine owner, that a tribe of Tunguses had found a cabin constructed of cloth and cordage, apparently belonging to a balloon. The bodies of three men, the head of one being crushed, were found near by. The police are of opinion that the bodies are those of Andree and his con panions. Scientific instruments were also found near the bodies.

Malmo, Sweden, Feb. 11.-The brother of Professor Andree, the missing balloonist, who attempted to cross the Arctic regions, has informed a local news paper that he does not believe the re cert received by way of Krasnoyarsk Siberia, that the remains of Andree and his companions, and the car of the balwhich he left Danesland, are of the Spitzbergen group, on July 11, 1897, have been found between Kemo and Pit, in the province of Yeniseisk He says that the locality is cultivated. and that it appears incredible that the grases and the car of the balloon could ave been there a year and a half without having been seen before this. Fur ther. Andree's brother points out that in stormy weather the bodies would almost certainly have been separated from

Americans Deserting the Atlin District Owing to Passage of Exclusion Act.

Going to Dawson Because They Have "No Show" in the New District.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Log Cabin, B. C., Feb. 1.—By steamer Cottage City to Victoria.)-Parties en rcute for Atlin and Dawson are coming and going every day, and those leaving for Atlin are chiefly Victoria and Vanccuver miners. The arrival of the government survey party having conarmed the news of the passing of the Alien Bill. Americans citizens are leaving for Dawson instead of Atlin, they having been scared over the matter, and that there will be "no show" for them in the latter city. The Butler brothers and their party from Seattle, who are trying to break record from Seattle to Dawson in 20 days, were here for a day and a half, and left for Bennett last night. There is a bet of \$6,000 with \$2,000 on the side on the race. They have 13 days before them still to emplete the journey. It is fully an ticipated they will be able to complete the journey in time, but they will have travel at the rate of 45 miles per

Mr. A. Anderson, late police officer in Victoria, is now in Bennett looking after his hotel arangements. Mr. Brownles his survey party expect to leave here for Atlin to-morrow. Mr. Menzies, the newly-appointed custom officer at Atlin, left here to-day, and D. Stevens, late of Victoria, has commenced his duties here as customs officers.

The gold commissioners, Mr. Graham and Mr. Brownlee, and Capt. Rant, were in consultation yesterday and to-day at Bennett over various matters, chiefly connected with the Atlin placer claims. have no easy task to perform but with the wise choice of the government in appointing experienced officers. trouble is anticipated. The miners here seemingly are well satisfied in Graham's ability to amicably settle all disputes.

The trails to Atlin are not in very good condition. The general opinion is that the Fan Tail trail, striking off haif a mile from here and via thter ke, is the best. This trail is hilly for the first 20 miles, but is more level the rest of the way. It is, how rer, or fit for teaming with heavy sleighs as yet, but good enough for hand and dog sleighs. There are stopping places every few miles-the first, 12 miles from here, second at Tepee, 20 miles; third has been distributing bills for 25 cents at Otter lake, 30 miles; fourth at Hailes, miles; fifth (?) 48 miles away; sixth at Taku, 56 miles; seventh at The document says in part: "In 1825 Atlin, 65 miles away, The Lake Benthe governments of Russia and Great nett and Lake Too-Chai routes are fairly good, as the ice is in good condition, but very few are going by these trails, owing to the longer distances to be travelled. All pack trains and travellers are cautioned by the police not to use what is known as Brooke's trail, as it has been closed by the authorities. The chief constable here has also issued a norice warning persons en route for Atlin not to cross Taku Arm nor Atliv lake after dark, nor during stormy weather, unless they are in possession of compasses, 'enabling them to take correct bearings. The custom authorities forbid

sell merchandise unless they have trade licenses, and alf with merchandise going to Atlin must report at the custom house, Log Cabin, on the Klondike, this way.

A few dogs are changing hands here; some have been sold for \$25 a pair. The railway company are conducting her shaft by striking a big log. She extensive blasting operations. There are nearly drifted on the rocks. The tug extensive blasting operations. There are about 500 men employed on this side of pass. The snow is four feet deep and the temparture averages from zero to 5 below through the day and 5 to 20 below zero during the night.

Log Cabin is well named. It consists of three or four log cabins and about 35 to 40 tents, pitched on the top of the

The White Pass trail from Heney station is in good condition for hand and single-horse sleighs. It is narrow through the pass, and great care has to be taken owing to the precipitous nature of the trail. Frequent accident in the way of breaking down and sleighs toppling over take place, causing no small amount of 'cussing."

The company owning White Pass trail have again opened up the short trail on the bottom of the pass, to enable empty pack trains, etc., to return quicker to White Pass City, and allow more freedom to full packs on the higher trail. It is five miles from Heney up the pass to the Summit, For 15 miles from the Summit to Log Cabin there is a good trail, suitable for large sleighs and double teams.

A packer just out from Atlin reports that the Taku Arm ice is about 24 inches thick and Atlin Lake is 14 inches thick. Further discoveries have recently been reported on Cariboo creek south from McKee creek and good prospects have

Mr. Graham expects to leave Bennett for Atlin on Saturday, the 4th inst. A DEFICIT OF \$159,000,000

Washington, Feb. 9.-In the House -day, Chairman Cannon, of the appropriations committee, in the course of the general debate on the sundry civil service bill to-day, sounded a note of warning against extravagant appropriations, and practically served notice that neither the ship subsidy bill nor the Nicaragua bill could be passed at this session. Mr. Cannon made a general statement of revenue and expenditure for the present fiscal year, increasing Secretary Gage's estimate of the deficiency in the revenue from \$112,000,000 to \$159,000,000, exclusive of the \$20,000,000 to be paid to Spain under the provisions of the treaty of Paris. Mr. Cannon, in answering a question, said that there would be no reduction in the war taxation for at least

A PARIS TRAGEDY.

two years.

Paris, Feb. 11 .- A Chinese attache of the Chinese embassy here, yesterday shot Lieut. Yang, the secretary of the legation, and then committed suicide.

"OPEN DOOR IN CHINA." Lord Charles Beresford is Opposed the Sphere of Influence Policy.

Beresford arived here yesterday from China and Japan. Speaking on the open deor policy in the Orient Lord Charles Beresford said: "It means simply that instead of spheres of influence Chinese empire, Britain, America, Germany and Japan shall by agreement maintain free and equal commercial relations for all in the Orient. It includes the re-organization of the Chinese army by Europeans, that the Chinese empire may be properly policed, and life and property made safe. China must a revenue, and the open policy, by guaranteeing order and uniformity in customs regulations and tariffs, will provide it in greater abundance than it was ever provided before, besides insuring that it shall not be wasted, as it is now. That will mean the opening up of the empire in all of its provinces and the development of its wonderful resources of mining and com-

"If the spheres of influence policy i allowed to be adopted. Russia will, of course, become all-powerful in the north and France in the south. Britain, of course, cannot get everything. Germany vill get what she can, while America will probably get nothing, for although I think she is destined to be a great nation in the Orient-greater than Great Britain or any other coun--her interests are now comparativeslight, and in the scramble it is not likely the American people would feel their interests demanded a struggle for a portion of it at this time. But with open door giving equal opportunity for all nations, her commerce is bound to grow. With spheres of influence, of urse, Russia would put on preferential tariffs in the regions she dominated, and France would do the same in her ter do not know whether Germany and Britain would or not. Thus America would be out altogether, or practically so, from the China trade, and Britain from all but that she domin ated. So that America really has more interest in the open door than England

Vancouver Bill Distributor Falls Heir 10 \$75,000-Logger Drowned Off Welcome Pass.

Vancouver, Feb. 11 .- Dame Fortune has smiled on A. W. L. Gomperty, who has eked out a miserable existence in Vancouver for the last year. Willing to work, but unable to find employment, he a day. Now he has been informed that he has fallen heir to \$75,000 through the death of a relative in England. Gomperty is a man of education, and arrived in the Northwest 12 years ago and secured employment in the Indian government office at Regina. When it was reorganized he came here and has had a hard struggle. Pete Colfield, one of the men who was

was swamped with three others off the Narrows and was thought to have per ished in making his way to Eagle Harbor, has been found. The steamer Coquitlam, which got back

from the north last night, reports the drowning of Martin Lister, a logger, He was returning to Wulffsohn Bay, and when off Welcome Pass slipped overboard. It is said he was intoicated. Boats were lowered and the vessel went full speed astern, but the man was never seen again. He came here from Wiscon-

While proceeding out of the harbor for Union this morning, the tug Tepic broke Louis managed to tow her in.

FROM OTTAWA

____ Ottawa, Feb. 11.-The mercury was twenty-one degrees below zero this A petition has been received at the

department of the Minister of Justice favor of the commutation of the death sentence on Mrs. Poirier, of Cordelia Viau. Quebec, who, with Sam Parslow, murdered her husband Poirier. If a woman walked

bare-footed on the



despondency. The whole body is tortured with pain and the entire nervous system is scure physician, he will attribute their bad feelings to stomach, liver, kidney, heart or nervous trouble. If, by accident, he hits upon the right cause, he will insist upon the disgusting examinations and local treat ment so embarrassing to a sensitive, mod-

est woman.

The real trouble is weakness or disease of the delicate and important organs that bear the burdens of maternity. There is no necessity for examinations or local treat ment. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures all disorders of this nature in the privacy of the home. It acts directly on the sensitive organs concerned, making them strong and well. It allays inflamina-tion, heals ulceration, soothes pain and tones and builds up the nerves. It stops exhausting drains. It banishes the discomorts of the expectant months, and makes baby's coming easy and almost painless. It restores the beauty and vivacity lost through long months or years of pain and suffering. Thousands of women have testified to its marvelous merits. At all medicine stores. Avoid substitutes.

To cover customs and mailing only, send 31 one-cent stamps for paper-covered copy, or 50 for cloth bound copy, of Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, Address, Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

The West Coast

San Francisco, Feb. 11.-Lord Charles Steamer Queen City Brings Body of the Victim of a Drowning Patality.

which means the breaking up of the John McKerlee, of This City, Perishes in the San Juan River.

Steamer Queen City, Capt. Hughes, re

sett and her usual ports of call on the

coast. She had a fine trip, the weather

was brought from San Juan by her of

a drowning fatality, John McKerlie, of

being mild, with very little wind. News

Victoria, having been drowned on Wednesday, in the San Juan river. The remains were recovered and brought to this port for interment by the Queen City. The circumstances of the fatality, as told by those on the coasting vessel, were as follows: A large canoe drifted out from the beach and the unfortunate man went out in a small canoe to secure it. Not knowing how to manage the uncertain siwash canoes he upset it and sank almost immediately. He was seen only by a small Indian boy, who said that immediately after the canoe upset Mc Kerlie threw up his hands and then dis appeared. The canoe was afterwards found bottom upwards and the body not far from it. The dead man had not been at San Juan a month when the sad affair occurred. He went up from here on January 20th. He leaves a wife and four children, resident in this city. No news was brought by the Queen

City of the reported wrecks. Not much work is being done at the Hayes mines on the Alberni canal just now, as in consequence of the thawing snow the roads are in bad condition. A number of the shareholders of this mine are expected to go up on the next trip of the steamer on a visit to the mine. The downward passengers were G. H. and Mrs. Hayes and Miss Pyle, of Hayes Landing; S. Binns and Mrs. Sarreault, of Alberni; and W. Lorimer, T. Baird and P. Hansen, from San Juan. Very little freight was brought down. The Queen City will sail again on Tuesday evening.

VILLAGES WIPED OUT.

Oviedo, Spain, Feb. 11.-Disastrous conflagrations have occurred in the mountains northwest of this city. Four vil-Many herds lages have been wiped out. of cattle have perished. Other villages are threatened.

FIRE AT MANSFIELD.

Mansfield, O., Feb. 10.-An explosion the japanning department of the Bexter Stove Works caused a fire with a loss of \$100,000. In an hour from the atbreak nothing but the walls remain

CANADAIN NEWS.

Ottawa, Feb. 10 .- Benoit, the pugilist, as sentenced in Hull yesterday afternoon to 28 months' imprisonment, and few hours afterwards broke out of jail and regained his liberty. He broke through the side door into the jail vards nd was helped over the wall by a rope thrown him by friends. Toronto, Feb. 10 -A fire in Messrs

Gowans, Kent & Company's warehouse, which is near the Board of Trade building, caused a stoppage in some lines of the Canadian Pacific telegraph, and in convenience to business men. The weather here is very cold and made the work of the firemen hard. The loss to Gowan & Kent is \$200,000. It is believed to be pretty well covered by insurance. Roland, Man., Feb. 10.-The fire which broke out last night destroyed the following places of business: C. W. John's carriage making establishment, Laurie & Co.'s blacksmith shop, the store of Riggins & Webster, general merchants. Ottawa, Feb. 10.-Hon. Mr. Tarte left for Montreal to-day. He will attend a banquet in St. John, N. B., on Saturday

Hutton will go to West Huron next week. A militia general order issued to-day says the Major-General commanding has perused with much interest the inspection eports of the cavalry regiments of the Dominion submitted by the inspector of cavalry, and regrets to note that there has been no dismounted service prac-

night. Dr. Borden and Major-General

tised. The Major-General commanding has been pleased to approve of the formation of the military institute at Winnipeg in connection with No. 10 district. Chatham, Feb. 11.-J. Jackson died sterday at the age of 104. Tilsonburg, Ont., Feb. 11.-Miss Maud

Knenel, who was badly burned by the upsetting of a lamp, has died of her inries. Hartney, Man., Feb. 11.-At Menteith

burned.

Buckingham, Que.. Feb. 11.—Damage to the extent of \$20,000 was caused by a fire-which broke out in the Cameron block on Main street yesterday.

SAVES WAGONS AND HORSE FLESH.

A lubricant that is both slippery and urable is mica, and the axle greasenade from mica, and named Mica Axle Grease, has been found to work better and wear longer than any other axle grease on the market. It does not run in hot weather nor gum in cold weather, and being a mineral substance of eculiar toughness it is extremely dur-The use of axle grease should never be neglected, partly to save wear and tear on the wagon, but principally to save horse flesh, and in buying it it pays to buy the best.

CHINAMAN BURNED TO DEATH

San Francisco, Feb. 13.-The ion of Chinese New Year in th resulted in a Chinaman being death. While fire works were ploded from a window at the ment agency of Jue Bun, 724 cial street, a lot of firecrackers house were accidentally lighted room was soon in flames. Chinese were smoking opium place. Five who were rescue there were others in the roo search by the police resulted covery of the drugged Mongolia Duck was burned to death. Three ers were badly burned and their r

turned early this afternoon from Ahou-COLD WEATHER IN THE STATES

New York, Feb. 9.-The colde. r for years was experienced t averaged from 2 to 4 below this and a number of people were from

Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 9.—The th eter registered 12 below zero. Vogel, 52 years of age, was found from death. Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 9.-8 yeather was experienced in this

o-day. In the northern part orange belt the range of the vas from 26 to 34 degrees. Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 9.-The num temperature in this city was 22 legrees below zero and the maximum 14. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 9.eather prevails over the state. Thr out the southwest heavy losses on the range is feared. All Kansas show temperatures zero ranging from 5 below at Wichig 22 below at Atchison.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 9.-To-day government thermometer in this city registered 33 below zero. At 7 o'clock o-night it was 20 below.

THE BOUNDARY QUESTION

No Decision Arrived at by the Anglo-American Commission on This Important Question.

Washington, Feb. 10.-The Anglo-American Commission had a fully joint ses sion to-day, but no important were reached in the chief points at i There were also two meetings of American commissioners to confe points brought up in the joint session. rolonged one during the forenoon taking p the Alaskan boundary question. Telegrams and protests from Cham ers of Commerce and individuals along the Pacific coast against any cession Skagway or other points on the south ern Alaskan coast, are still being sent to senators and representatives here as esult of reports of the intention to cer o Canada a port. Whatever the out ome of the delicate negotiations may be, conclusion on the part of the comnission has yet been arrived at.

BRITAIN AND THE STATES. ____

Feb. 9 .- At the annual meeting of the chamber of shipping the president referred to the excellent relations between Great Britain and America, but said there were certain questions which must be faced, for instance, that of the neutrality of the Nicaragua canal. He trusted that the foreign office would not agree to the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty unless the neutrality the Canal and non-preferential rates were guaranteed.

BUSINESS AND POLITICS

Lt.-Col. Prior's View on the Anti-Exclusion

Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P., while at Seattle on his honeymoon, was intervi-gard to the alien exclusion law "As a business man I believ allen law is a bad thing for alien law is a bad thing for country; as a politician I thin should retaliate in a measure a restrictions placed against her the United States. I have a gremoney invested here, but none of own name. Why should American every right in our gold fields? less, I do not believe that the stand. The Imperial governme probably bring such pressure to the Dominion government that vincial legislature wi'll be asked draw the bill. There has been a able clash of late between the D and Provincial authorities, and the will not interfere unless great p is brought to bear.

"There is supposed to be a very feeling in evidence." There is supposed to be a very friendly ling in existence between Britain and erfca, but I think we show it more in the Americans. It was in the hotel Tacoma the other evening in which ator-elect Foster Countries.

han the Americans. It was not a tracoma the other evening senator-elect Foster gave his the legislature. The room was decorated, but I failed to see a flag. In twelve years of put Canada I have never attended quet at which the flag of states was not given promin

"BIG ALEX." MARRIED. Klondike's King Marries an English Girl While in London.

Hartney, Man., Feb. 11.—At Menteith Junction, on the the C. P. R., this morning an accident occurred by which the Pipestone express, engine, baggage and passenger coaches rolled into the ditch. No one was hurt.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The Council of the Dominion Artillery Association has elected Lieutenant-Colonel Macdonald, Guelph, as chairman. Mayor J. B. Donaldson was elected secretary.

Rev. G. R. Maxwell, M.P.P., who is here, is urging the minister of customs to permit teas entered at Victoria or Vancouver to be tested at either point so as to obviate delay in sending samples here. Halifax, Feb. 11.—The officers' canteen and recreation room at the citadel was destroyed by fire early this morning. The hydrants were frozen and the engine could not work. Water was at last pumped from engines down in the city and the fire was under control at 3 a.m. The damage is large. The regimental papers were all burned.

Buckingham, Que. Feb. 11.—Damage to the extent of \$20,000 was caused by a fire-which broke out in the Camperon block is miner of them all would not drink. Big Alex. McDonald, the "King of the

against a snag when they found the est miner of them all would not Nether whisky nor champaign had traction for him. It is also said to paid no attention to the many women that the state of the many women that the state of the said to be said tried to meet him.

The fact that Alex. McDonald is married will be a surprise to his many friends in and out of Klondike. When he left here he did for London about five months ago not intend to become a benedict. He went to London to seil his claims, and rumor has it that he was not as successful as could have been desired. It is probable that he met and won his wife while in London.

Mr. McDonald is due in Dawson inside of three months, and it is likely that Victoria will shortly have the opportunity of seeing the "Queen of the Klond'ke," for a "King's" wife is usually a "Queen."

The Grand Emir was ambitious.
"I think," said he, "that my head will be on a medal some day."
"Ha!" said the Khalifa. "Good idea!
I'll have it struck off at once."

Filipinos Want V

quinaldo's Generals Anxi Try Conclusions With Sol of Uncle Sam.

Natives Do Some Musketry tice on American Troo Amusement of Latter

Manila, Feb. 4, via Hongkon 13.-Native papers assert that at erence at Malcolos on Thursda Aguinaldo's generals petition an immediate and formal declar war. Aguinaldo refused to co he ground that he had pron foreign consuls at Manila the

warning. Lieut. Mann has returned fro to the rebel authorities at which place he reached on Fe after an exciting experience. ceeded in obtaining the release soldiers belonging to company ed States engineer battalion, wh rested while surveying near the river Pasig, inside the lines on January 31.

Mr. C. W. Peters, an artist, arrested while taking photograph nside the rebel lines, was also through the representations of ant Mann. The other America are believed to be deserters, ar prison at Maleolos on the sus

peing spies. Firing on Americans. Manila, Feb. 13, 10.35 p. m.their customary tactics, the nat at long range on the America

last night, maintaining their

few minutes before settling dow

of their shots took effect, how

the Americans did not reply. All was quiet along the rest The weather at night is now showers are frequent.

All Quiet at Manila. Washington, Feb 13.-Gener to-day cabled the war department everything was quiet this morni that business in the city at Man resuming its former activity

TERRIFIC STORMS.

Railway Traffic Demoralized in the Twelve Persons Killed by Snowslide.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 13.—The snowstorm which began here or day increased in force during th and this morning a high northes was driving snow into big dri filling in the streets and coveri road tracks with a mass of sno soon began to delay traffic in all efforts to keep open the li weather bureau this forenoon no promise of a change before row. The mercury stood at

New York, Feb. 13.—A despe above zero. ceived this morning from the li station at Moriches, Long Is the Nova Scotia bark Brazil went ashore at that place on F

breaking up this morning. The driving snowstorm which here on Saturday night and co all of yesterday, was raging to-day increased violence. It was the the meteorologist said, of the of two storms, one from the Mexico and the other from the west. The ferries moved with di and street traffic was much i Ocean liners were overdue, man outside Sandy Hook and fearing ture near enough to the coast the channel marks which guide the

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 13.—The in this vicinity assumed to-day tions of a blizzard. A howling storm prevailed. The Reading Railroad Comp

noon to-day issued an official and

ment of the entire abandonmen train service until further notic ing to the heavy snow and in drifts along the line. The office being closed. The last train left delphia at 7.30 this morning. Pennsylvania is moving about or of the regular scheduled pastrains, but has abandoned all at to move freight and coal train Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 13.—The c gion was snow-bound to-day depth of several feet. The snow in a manner never equalled befo only is all outside work suspend most of the industrial establis were idle. Railroad traffic wa pended except for a few mail forced through the drifts hours time. The worst difficulty was ened through a scarcity of wat

to the freezing of streams and The mercury is still below Wilmington, Del., Feb. 13.—Th zard of last night and this morn fectually blocked railroad travel Delaware railroad, which travers length of the state. Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 13.—The m continued to hover about zero Last night it dropped to six degre

low, and to-day it was one deg low zero. Yesterday and last many of the large mills were operation to prevent the mac from freezing. Davis, Del., Feb. 13.—A blizzard is raging all along

coast. At Cape Henry the velocity wind is 60 miles an hour. The s attached to life-saving station been forced to abandon for the their patrol of the coast. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 13.—The m here to-day was 8½ below zero. Eight Lives Lost.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 13.-A spec the News from Silver Plume says: Many people living in cal the mountain side are moving to order to avoid possible death in slides, such as that which swept Cheyenne canon yesterday. So far bodies have been recovered. Thre