farm for Sale--Cheap,

sout HALF VALUE OR LESS—188 s on the Koksilah river, three miles in from Cowichan station, E. & N. Ry; acres enclosed, 50 acres pasture timgrass; 10 acres, cleared, orchard, e, barns and fences; government road; fishing, etc. Got to be sold, as the part, Cowichan Station, Province of sh Columbia, who can meet purchasers he station. Come and see this property tell your price, etc.

NOTICE.

ectification of Crown Grant

reas, on the 3rd day of February a Crown grant was issued to one Ross Dick, for Lot 4, being a rision of Section 42, Lake District, he said grantee was therein erron-described as William Ross: escribed as William Ross:
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ective Crown grant, and to issue
ted one in its stead three months
te date hereof, unless good cause is to the contrary. to the contrary.

C. A. SEMLING
Commissioner of Lands & Works

aud Works Department, toria, B.C., 3rd Nov., 1898.

NOTICE.

s hereby given that application ade to the Legislative Assembly ovince of British Columbia, at session thereof, by the North Arrow Lake Railway Company amending Section 40 of and Arrow Lake Rail Star and Arrow Lake Railway 8." by extending for one year the thin which the security mentioned did Section 40 shall be given by the upany, and also extending for one time within which the sum of isand dollars in the said Section 40 shall be expended; and furamend the said act by adding as section to the schedule thereof, is, "a railway from a point at or 15 steele on the line of railway did in the first section of this by the most feasible route to a or near Golden."

at Victoria, B.C., this 25th day of at or near Golden."
ed at Victoria, B.C., this 25th day of aber, A.D., 1898.
FELL & GREGORY, ors for the North Star and Arrow the Railway Company, the Appli-

hereby given that application de to the Legislative Assembly zince of British Columbia, at the on thereof, by "The Canadian ilway Company," for an act chapter 50 of the Statutes of Province of British Columbia of 1898, entitled "An Act Respectanadian Yukon Railway Comstriking out of said chapter striking out of said chapter. striking out of said n 40.
ed at Victoria, B.C., this 7th day of aber, A.D. 1898.
FRANCIS B. GREGORY, for for the Canadian Yukon Railay Company, the applicants.

NOTICE.

hereby given that application e made to the Legislative Assembly Province of British Columbia, at the ession thereof, for an act to incora company with power to construct,
operate and maintain cable, teleand telephone lines from the south
Teslin Lake, in the Province of
Columbia, to the City of Victoria,
said Province of City of Victoria, said Province, via Glenora and Tel the said Province, via Glenora and Tele-h Creek, by the most direct and feasi-coute, with power to expropriate lands the purposes of the company, and to ire lands, bonuses, privileges and other from any government, municipal cor-tion or other person or bodies, and to and collect tolls from all parties using said cible telegraph or telephone said collect tolls from all parties using said cuble, telegraph or telephone, with power to make arrangements contracts for the carrying of messages any railway, steamboat or other comes, and for all other necessary or intal rights, powers and privileges in behalf. Victoria this 23rd day of No-

ROBERT CASSIDY.

NOTICE. ice is hereby given that application be made to the Legislative Assembly e Province of British Columbia, at axt session, for an act incorporating a property of the columbiant mpany with power to appropriating a water from Surprise Lake at or near head of Pine Creek and from Pine in the District of Cass'ar, Province in the District of Cass'ar, Province titish Columbia, and to construct, ain and operate flumes, pipes and and branches thereof on both sides of Pine Creek, and to sell, lease and vise dispose of the water so approd to persons and corporations for ing, power, domestic, and all other poses whatsoever, and to utilize the water for all or any of the purposes this company; and also to acquire, hold, by, operate, sell, lease and otherwise pose of mineral claims, timber lands other real or personal property of any ther real or personal property, of an there real or personal property, of any e or kind whatsoever, at or near said Creek; and also to construct, mainand operate tramways, steamers and ills, and to manufacture and seller, and to carry on business as generated and the carry of 'ine Creek aforesaid; and also to en n and expropriate lands for the of the company and to do all such ings which may be conductive to the company of the above objects of

them. d at Victoria, B.C., this 23rd day of nber, 1898. FRANK HIGGINS. Solicitor for the Applicants

NOTICE.

ice is hereby given that application be made to the Legislative Assembly he Province of British Columbia, at next session thereof, for an act to porate a company with power to cont, equip, operate and maintain a railof standard or any other gauge from int at or near Fort Simpson, in the ince of British Columbia, by the most bile route to any point at or near rora or Telegraph Creek, on the Sikkliver, British Columbia, with power onstruct, operate and maintain branch and all necessary roads, ways, bridges ferries and to build, own and mainwharves and docks in connection there. harves and docks in connection th and to build, equip, own and m eam and other vessels and boats steam and other vessels and boats and berate the same on any navigable was connecting with the said railway line, with power to build, equip, operate maintain telegraph and telephone lines benection with the said railway works to generate electricity for the supply ght, heat and power and with power appropriate lands for the purposes of company and to acquire lands, bonuses, leges and other aids from any govent, municipal corporation or other throw or bodies, and to levy and collect from all parties using and on ail from all parties using and of t passing over any of such y, ferries, wharves and vessels rerries, wharves and vessels, and ver to make traffic or other arrange-vith railway, steamboat or other es, and for all other necessary or il rights, powers and privileges in alf

d at Victoria this 23rd day of No Solicitor for Applicant

tice is hereby given that I, Peter Her, of Port Essington. British Columbia, chant, have deposited with the Minister Public Works a plan and description he site of a wharf proposed to be concted by me in the Skeena River, opte to lots 1 and 2 of block 3, in the asite of Essington (commonly called Essington), in the said province, and deposited a duplicate of each in the d Registry Office in the City of Vic. 1, in the said province, and that I applied to the Governor-in-Council for royal threof.

Her Band Council Saington, B.C., this 6th of December, A.D. 1898.

PETER HERMAN.

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Likely That Great Britain Will Agree to Abrogate So That Nicaraguan Canal May Be Constructed.

United States Must Guarantee Its Neutrality and Safeguard British Interests-Estimate of the Cost.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special Wash-ington dispatch to the Herald says: "All et emies. About a year ago Mr. Scott stirred New York, Dec. 23 .- A special Washdanger of further friction between the dunger of further friction between the United States and Great Britain over the construction of the Nicaraguan lication entitled Great Thoughts, in canal will shortly be removed by the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

received, or will receive within the next few days, positive instructions to enter upon negotiations with Secretary Hay for the abrogation of the convention referred to and the preparation of a new treaty guaranteeing neutrality of the "The change in the attitude of the

British government from its old position of insisting upon having a vote in the construction of the proposed canal s the result of representations made to Lord Salisbury by Mr. Henry White, charge d'affaires of this government in

"It is the understanding of those who aware of the change in the attitude the British government that Lord Salisbury will suggest through Sir Julian the advisability of the United States granting some concession to his government in return for the relinquishment of the important rights possessed by Great Britain in the matter of a canal across the isthmus, which for nearly fifty years have been recognized by this government in the treaty negotiated by John M. Clayton on the part of the United States and Lord Henry Lytton-Bulwer on the part of the British government. Just what concessions will be asked are not known, nor will they be until full and final instructions have been received by Sir Julian and communicated to Secre-

Sir Julian and communicated tary Hay."

New York, Dec. 23.—The preliminary report of the Nicaraguan canal commission, consisting of General Hays, Admiral Walker and Prof. Haupt, has been completed and will be read before the senate committee either during the Christmas recess of congress or immediately afterwards. This report will give many details of construction and in regard to the proposed route, and will give a close the proposed route, and will give a close figure on the entire cost of the under-

One hundred and thirty-five million dolbe a conservative estimate of the entire cost of the canal, and this almost agrees with that of Major Genal which have evidently given such eral William Ludlow's report of 1898. little doubt that Great Britain will agree to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.
The temper of the cabinet and public opinion, which largely influences the government's policy, point to such action, though no definite understanding with the United States has yet been reached. Great Britain desires that the Nicaraguan canal be constructed, and is willing that the United States should control it, if the United States should control
it, if the United States will guarantee
its neutrality and safeguard of British
interests. The reports from Washington
that the British ambassador there has been instructed to negotiate for the abrogation of the treaty is incorrect, though is likely he will soon receive instructions to arrange a basis of action.

CONSERVATIVES DISGUSTED.

Throw Up the Sponge in the West York Election Case. Toronto, Dec. 23.—The Conservatives threw up the sponge this morning in the West York election case, after 14 days' effort to unseat W. J. Hill, the Liberal n.ember. Judge Falconbridge, in commenting on the case, said it was a grati-fying feature that although offers, seemingly corrupt, had apparently been made, in not a single case had they been acted on. That should, he said, be gratifying to the constituency. oronto, Dec. 23.-Judges Osler and dis-McLennan this morning formally missed the election petitions in the cases of North Grey, where Boyd, Conserva-Lumsden, Liberal, and Ottawa, where Lumsden, Liberal, and Powel, Conservative, respectively, are respondents. No evidence was offered and no costs were sked. The Ottawa cases had been pre-viously dismissed, but through some technical omission the proceedure was irregular. This practically closes out 73 rotests filed after the general election March last, there remaining only the ecision of the judges in the case of East Elgin. In South Perth, however, and in North Waterloo, appeals have been taken, and there may be several additional protests arising out of bye-

FROM THE CAPITAL

Koctenay Customs Outposts-Insurance Forger in the Toils.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The outports of Wardner and Fort Steele, which are now attached to New Westminsiter, have been placed under Nelson, B. C. P. F. Rollinson, recently an agent of the London Life Assurance Co., was arrested to-day at Adrian, Mich. He is charged with forging death certificates The Canadian General Electric Company, of Ottawa, has been awarded a contract for the erection of an electric power house for the canal gates at Soul-

MR. HAYS'S PROPOSAL. Montreal, Dec. 23.—General Manager Hays, of the Grand Trunk, in a letter addressed to Grand Chief Powell of the Order of Telegraphers, reviews the strike situation in general terms and conditions and says: "I suggest that if the committee still declines to accept the fair terms offered by the company that the question of difference as to hours and pay be referred either to the railway committee of the privy council or be deter-mined by arbitration, the committee to select one person, the company another, and they between them a third party, the decision of two out of three to be

CLEMENT SCOTT OUT. Well-Known Dramatic Critic of Daily Telegraph Has Resigned.

London, Dec. 10.-Clement Scott has

the Daily Telegraph. Ever since 1873 Clement William Scott, or "Clemmy," as he is called by the dramatic and journalistic professions, has contributed articles of dramatic criticism to the Daily Telegraph. He has been the only critic in all London for whom a box was always reserved on "first nights." Managers have feelingly declared, when question they dared not do otherwise. Mr. Scott has so written that he has made many friends. He has also made many

which he was reported as saying that it was nearly impossible for a woman who adopts the stage as a profession to authoritatively to state that Sir Julian l'auncefote, the British ambassador, has most impossible for a woman to pre-serve that simplicity of manner which is r greatest charm. Continuing, he was quoted with the

marks:"What is infinitely more to be deplord is that a woman who endeavors to keep her purity is almost of a necessity predoomed to failure in her career. The resentment at his words was great that the proprietors of the Daily Telegraph were asked to dismiss him. They increased his salary. The ques-tion was taken up in Paris, where wellbrown playwrights and managers were invited to contribute their ideas to Le Figure concerning the correctness of Mr. Scott's dictum. Here in New York also some journals canvassed the actors and actresses then in the city on the subject. Mr. Scott received a considerable amount of abuse from the local theatre people of all ranks and conditions.

In speaking of Mr. Scott's statement the late Harold Frederic said in his cable letter to the New York Times of Sunday, January 2, 1898:—

"The public gets up but a languid interest in the manufactured frenzy of the actor world against Clement Scott That actor world against Clement Scott, That his wholesale attacks on actresses was both stupid and unjust may all be, but the whole dramatic profession has been crawling on its belly before him for so many years, toadying to him for sugary notices, cringing under his criticism, buying plays from him which were never produced, that there is small wonder that he was emboldened to express his low opinion of it. There are all sorts of talk of physical violence, of the theatres boycotting the Daily Telegraph till he is discharged, and the like but of actual sport and fear there will be very little. On both sides there is a treather of physical violence, of the end of January the Hawaiian Islands will become a strong base of naval strength and in conjunction with the effective forces at Manila and San Francisco effectually command the entire Pacific ocean. wealth of rhetoric, and eloquent gestures of aversion and disdain, but not much

ings were such as to prevent me from clearly appreciating the distress they were likely to cause." Sir Henry Irving, it is reported, ac cepted the apology for the profession Mr. Frederic, in commenting on the af-fair, said in his letter which succeeded the publication of the apology: "The pity is that the interviewer had not the wit to grasp this view (Mr. Scott's view of the situation and consign at least one sheet of his interview to the waste-

paper basket."
With the exception of a few words of discontent at the alleged inadequacy of the apology from Mr. Willard, Mrs. Kendal, and some others, the matter was allowed to drop.

Mr. Scott is about 57 years of age. At one time he had ambitions as a playwright, but his plays have not succeed In late years he has confined his efforts of this nature to prologues and epilogues, and to verses which comedians recite at benefits. He has also written some verses for publication. He is the author of "Lays of a Londoner," "Poems for Recitation," and "Lays and Lyrics," He has also written "Round About the Islands," "Poppy Land Papers," and "Blossoms Land," all being a collection of heliday articles contributed.

pers, and Biossons Land, an being a collection of holiday articles contributed to the Daily Telegraph and other papers. In 1891 he edited the life and reminiscences of E. L. Blanchard, and in 1892 was part author of "The Fate of Fenella," and four or five years ago, as the result of foreign journeys, he wrote "Cheery Ceylon," and "Pictures of the World." Previous to his connection with the Daily Telegraph, Mr. Scott was successively clerk in the war office, matic critic to the Sunday Times, to the Weekly Despatch and to the Observer. He is considered to be the most wide

ly known and most influential of any London critic. The oft-used phrese that he is the "leading dramatic cri-tic of London" is capable of being inter-preted in various ways. What Engpreted in various ways. What Englishmen, Londoners, say it really mean is that he is the critic for the daily paper with the largest circulation and that his criticisms are consequently more widely read than those of his centemporaries; that he has appealed to the public in several capacities, hence his personality and name are familiar to the crowd. Whether Mr. Scott is the ablest of the London critics, whether his

indement is the best or not, are never ceasing matters of discussion.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER. Vancouver, Dec. 23 .- (Special.) -- Burglaries are being committed in Vancouver almost nightly. Last night E. H. Mc-Millan's Ideal grocery was robbed of about \$100 worth of tobacco. The store is right in the heart of the city and the ves left a quantity of goods in the

back lane. The ship Seminole, which has been tied up at Moodyville for two months, has been libelled by her commander, Capt. Taylor, who claims \$3,000 for wages and money advanced. She is owned by John Barnson and others of Port Townsend. The marshal of the admir-alty court came over from Victoria this morning and is in charge of the vessel.

POSTAL CARD CAMPAIGN.

Rome, Dec. 23.—A unique postal card campaign on behalf of political prison-ers will soon be inaugurated here. Forty thousand postal cards will be mailed simultaneously to the king, petitioning him to release the prisoners.

resigned the post of dramatic critic on A Plan Whereby the United States Will Soon Command the Entire Pacific Ocean.

> To Maintain Absolutely Its Political Geography and Prevent European Aggression on American Commerce.

New York, Dec. 23 .- A dispatch, which shows that the United States will soon command the entire Pacific ocean, is printed by the Tribune this morning under a Washington date. It says: "The importance of American interests in the Pacing ocean, which has been so notably increased by Dewey's victory at Manila and the assumption of the United States of augmented responsibilities in consequence, received significant recognition rom the navy department to-day in the issue of orders to carry out plans which have been carefully matured in the last few weeks, with the idea of maintaining absolutely the political geography of that yast ocean as it exists to-day and to prevent any further accessions of territory by European powers in the track of American commerce along the lines of com-

munication between the United States and its most distant possessions. Perhaps the official action of the greatest importance which became known today relates to the dispatch of the auxiliary cruiser Yosemite about January 1st from Norfolk to the Ladrone Islands by way of the Suez canal. The strategic value of the Yosemite's station at Guam is therefore manifest, and calculated to prevent any change of sovereignty over the Caroline Islands without the cordial consent of the United States, especially as Dewey's squadron at Manila will be rather augmented than reduced in strength in the course of a few weeks Another important order which was issued to-day provided for loading the collier Abranda at Norfolk with the best quality of Pocahontas coal, and for the

leparture of that vessel about January 1st for Samoa by way of the Straits of Magellan, a voyage of 10,000 nautical Another order bearing on the situation in the Pacific was prepared to-day to be sent to the special squadron when it arrives at Callao, directing the ship Iris to proceed directly to Manila.

Before the end of January the Ha-

NOTORIOUS TURK MURDERED. On April 7 last Mr. Scott, made an abject apology in the Daily Telegraph, saying:—
"I suggest that the words published"
"I suggest that the words published"

"I suggest that the words published, and which have evidently given such offence, were spoken at a moment of also inspired terror have money under threats of death. The officials of the foreign embassies have frequently demanded the punishment of Chani Bey, but always unsuccessfully.

CUBANS BECOME UNRULY. Havana, Dec. 23.—Some Cubans canded the residence of the Marquis de Pinar Del Rio, in the suburb of Havana yestorday and compelled him to cry "vive Havana, Dec. 23 .- Some Cubans enterterday and compelled him to cry "vive Cuba libre." The Marquis, who is one of the richest men in the island and of a noted family, complained to Captain-General Castelanos, and a note on the subject was sent to the American evacnation commission. The Marquis de Pinar Del Rio and other prominent Spaniards are determined to leave Cuba, their friends say, "unless the United States establishes a strong government and they

are assured ample protection." HAVANA THANKS M'KINLEY. Washington, D.C., Dec. 23.—The following has been received here: Havana, Dec. 22.—President McKin-y, Washington: The city council in mn session has resolved in the name of Havana to return its warmest thanks to you for the contribution sent in aid of the needy poor. (Signed) Marquis Es-

tabana, president. CHILD-STEALING CASE SETTLED. Cleveland, Ohio., Dec. 23.-Judge Bissett in the criminal court to-day sustained the demurrer made to the indictment returned against ex-Mayor F. I. Macgowan of Trenton, N.J., Mrs. Macgowan and Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Macgowan an's sister, upon the charge of child-stealing. The court ordered all of the defendants in the case discharged, say ing that it was not a crime for a mother to steal her own child in the state of Ohio. The Macgowans were not in court when the decision was rendered

and are said to be in Toronto. A SANTA CLAUS SCORCHED.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 23.-Robert Barrington was badly burned while taking the part of Santa Claus last evening in a show window. The cotton trimmings caught fire from a gas jet. He was rolled in the mud on the street until the flames were extinguished.

DISABLED STEAMER RESCUED. las line steamer Andes, Capt. Cole, which went ashore on Plumb Point ree at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, while bound from this port for New York, and which was believed to be in danger of peconing a total loss, was towed into Port Royal to-day for survey, apparent-

ly not seriously damaged: BENEFITS OF COBDENISM.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—A special London cable the Times, defending Cobdenism, is atcing much attention. The Times in 'eader acknowledged the benefits which trade has conferred upon Great Britain, while stating it is not without its disadvantages, and admits we owe our present system of British colonization to the Cobdenies The Westminster Gazette finds fault with Goldwin Sm'th's statement that self-government in Ireland would mean dismemberment, and defends the growth of Imperialism, but calls Cobdenism "our spiritual father." Westminster Gazette finds fault with

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 23. — Evidence which was secured from additional witnesses to-day shows that books and papers belonging to the Standard Oil Co. had been destroyed on November 19th and 21st.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Fort William, Dec. 22.-Hugh Clark, a pumpman, while carrying a tank spout across the track at English river in the ce of an approaching train, was struck and killed this morning. The body was brought to Fort William.

Halifax Dec. 22.—News comes from Grand River, B. C., of the drowning of two daughters of Archibald Cameron, Maggie and Bell. The girls were coasting off a hill sloping into Grand River. Their sleigh ran on to the ice, which

broke through. Poronto, Dec. 22.—The latest railway project mooted is a line connecting Pen broke with Bancroft on the Irondale Bancroft & Ottawa line, which will bring Toronto into direct communication with Pembroke, and it is hoped will bring the trade of the Ottawa valley, north of Pembroke here, besides uding in developing the district. The new line would be seventy miles in length, and Toronto will be asked to bonus the pro-

Halifax, Dec. 22.—The steamer Gaspesia, of the New Canadian line, ris rehore at Rice Point, off St. Peter's islu.d. about ten miles from Charlottetown, where it was going to call on its way out. The Gaspesia may get off at high tide, but it is not unlikely the cargo nav be sacrificed Brantford, Dec. 22.-Dan Stevens,

tramp who killed a man on Tuesday at Paris, was lodged in gaol to-day. The dend man is supposed to be James Kelly, a sailor, of Sarnia.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—There was an unexpected development in the West York election case to-day, when Justices Falconbridge and Street announced that they could not agree as to the effect of the

evidence on a certain charge. Judge Falconbridge considered that evidence by corrupt action had been established by the promise of a poll constableship to a voter, while Judge Street considered the charge will probably be referred to a court of appeals.

JOINT HIGH COMMISSION.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The next session of the joint Canadian high commission will be limited pretty closely to a fortnight. Lord Herschell, the British Russia. There are indications that after all he joint commissioners regard the prossect of reaching an agreement as much orighter than they did just before the d circles that before Lord Herschell's leparture a treaty will have been agreed of the world.

"American has very little to gain to learn against a tree, emaciated and seem against a tree, em

THE POPE DESPONDENT.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The Pope to-day, at the reception of the Christmas greetings of the cardinals and offer prelates, appeared to be in excellent health. Replying to their congratulations, he referred to the "Sinister events of 1898," and said it was high time the governments of Burope united to stop the "unheard of outrages and exterminations." But, the Pontiff added, this could not be expected until the fear of God, the basis of all moral'ty, shall be revived in the conscience of the people and become the guiding principle of the organization of states.

In regard to the present position of the church in Italy, the Pope pointed out that the symptoms were not reassuring for the new year. He added that the conditions imposed upon the head of the church in violation of his dignity and rights "were not enough, for now it was sought to cast odium upon the press which openly esponsed the defence of his interests and

odium upon the press which openly es-poused the defence of his interests and the interests of religion and morality.

THE FRENCH IN CHINA. No Serious Conflict With American Interests There.

Washington, Dec. 23.—So far as can be learned here the conflicting claims between the French government and the United States at Shanghal, China, do not involve any broad question relating to the acquisition of large tracts of China by France. Complaint was made to this government that the French representatives in China, under the guise of extending the limits of their extra territorial concessions in Shang-

under the guise of extending the lim'ts of their extra territorial concessions in Shanghia, had included in the claim certain property, valuable mainly for r'rarian use, which had long been occupied or enjoyed by American citizens and American corporations. United States Minister Conger was instructed to protest to the Chinese gevernment against any action on its part which would result in injury to Americans. It is gathered that the Brit'sh government has taken a similar course, but beyond that there has been joint action between the two governments. the two governments. ARRESTED FOR SHOP-LIFTING

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 23.—James P. Miller, a Yale divinity student and a three-years' graduate, was arrested last evening for shop-lifting. He was seen by detectives to purion three books in a bookstore, and by tracking the man they discovered that he was evidently a professional shop-lifter. Five thousand volumes were discovered at his rooms and h's home. The books ranged from editions de' lux to pocket editions. Two dealers have already identified 2,000 volumes. Miller wore a coat fitted with pockets such as profescoat fitted with pockets such as profes-sional thieves wear.

A SWORD FOR SCHLEY.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Schley was last night the recipient of a handsome and costly sword, scabbard and hilt, presented to him on behalf of the recipie of this city and other cities in Fermsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. The ceremony took place in the temple of the Baptist church, and Col. A. K. McClure presided. The sword, scabbard and belt represented a cost of \$4,200. The blade is of fine Damascus steel, appropriateblade is of fine Damascus steel, appropriately engraved, and the hilt is elaborately rated with diamonds and other precious

FATAL SHOOTING MATCH.

Wardsville, Ont., Dec. 23.—While attending a shooting match at Will Downle's, Aldborough, A. B. Flag was shot fatally. He was asked by one of the men present to go and erase a target, and unknown to h'm, a loaded rifle was placed upon a rest, pointing toward the target. The unfortunate man was bending over in the act of adjusting the target when, in some unaccountable way the contents of the rifle were discharged. The bullet struck Flag in the back below the heart. Flag will not likely live through the day.

BIG SUIT THREATENED. London, Ont., Dec. 23.—The street rail-way company is threatening to sue the city for \$20,000 damages for breach of duty during the recent trouble with the street

An American Traveller Predicts That Russia, Great Britain and China Will Combine For this Purpose.

"Open Door" Policy of Little Avail-- An Era vas too thin to support them and they of Progress When the Railways

Are Completed. London, Dec. 22.-John W. Bookwal-

ter, of Ohio, who has just returned from a three months' journey through Russia, told the correspondent of the Associated would be seventy miles in length, and would cross the Ottawa, Arnprior & Parry Sound railway at Golden lake.

Toronto will be asked to be not the first to the Associated Press in interviews to-day that he enjoyed unusual facilities for observing what is going on in that country. He what is going on in that country. He travelled to the terminus of the Trans-Siberian railway, to the end of the line reaching to the frontier of Afghanistan, and to the end of the one penetrating China through Manchuria, All these are now practically completed. Bookwal-ter was allowed to go everywhere, to see everything, and to take hundre is of photographs, thanks to special permits issued to him by the minister of the instates ambassador at St. Petersburg.
During his journey he conversed with governors of provinces and with military and civil officials of all ranks.

"America's best open door to Central Asia and China," said Mr. Bookwalter, "is through Russia. Already all the locomotives and rolling stock on the railways are of American manufacture. Central Asia will in the near future be the ed anxiously for the return of Rickord, greatest market in the world for manu- Hour after hour passed and darkness factures of all kinds and our obtaining came, but still there were no signs of the a virtual monopoly of this market only absentce. The weather became colder a virtual monopoly of this market only absentee. The weather became colder depends on our retaining the friendship and stormy and with reluctance the two

Russia now has for us. "A great surprise for the world is in preparation in that part of the earth, and it will come, I believe, very soon. and it will come, I believe, very soon.

Not many years will elapse before the world will see Russia, England and nace, a steam cutter and several boats world will see Russia, England and nace, a steam cutter and several boats from the Leander. All were provisioned China combining for the partition of Asia. The very force of circumstances Asia. The very force of circumstances will bring this about. England and Russia will fiever be able to agree on the partition of Chine between the magnitude. An were provisioned for a seven days' search. The Indians and lumbermen in the vicinity when notified of the lieutenant's misfortune at fortnight. Lord Herschell, the British members of the commission, is booked to sail for Europe on the 25th of January. He cannot delay longer in the United States, for the reason that he is obliged to attend the opening of the Paris arbitration on the Venezuelan boundary, being one of the arbitrators. There are indications that after all the joint commissioners regard the process of the sale to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still fever be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still fever be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still fever be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still fever be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still fever be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still fever be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still fever be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still fever be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still fever be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still fever be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still fever be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, still fever be able to agree on the partition of China between themselves, and Sunday the searchers looked in vain one joined the searchers looked in vain one joined the searchers looked in vain one for a trace of the lost sailor. It was one partition of China between themselves, and Sunday the searchers looked in vain one joined the searchers looked in vain one joined the searchers were joined the searchers. All Saturday and Sunday the searchers looked in vain one joined the searchers looked in vain one joined the searchers looked in vain one joined the searchers. All Saturday and Sunday the searchers looked in vain one joined the searchers l China—two-thirds of the human race—will be such an alliance as history has

departure a treaty will have been agreed upon settling all the points in dispute between the two countries and even makan open door to China. That country is an industrial one and whatever we may now be able to sell to them the Chinese were in rulns, his wanderings having will seen be able to manufacture for will soon be able to manufacture for themselves. One day, and that day is near at hand, whatever China buys from

"Russia in the last three years has done more to open the doors of China than England and all the rest of the world have done in fifty years. No one who has not seen it with his own eyes can have the faintest conception of what Russia has done and is likely to do in

Central Asia. "I have travelled over 1,200 miles of railway which she built from the Cas-pian Sea to Tashkend, in Turkestan; the northern frontier of India; over another branch which goes from Mery to the border of Afghanistan. The last branch was not completed when I was there, but it will be open to traffic next week. There are also Russian lines all ing into that country, either completed or rapidly approaching completion. All work on those lines has been done by

soldiers, who in this way are not in Russia, as elsewhere, non-producers.

"All this tremendous Asiatic railway system is owned and operated by the government. All the lines are admirably built and splendidly equipped. I saw the bridge across the Amudaria in Central Asia at a point where the river is three miles wide, that cost 20,000,000 roubles, and is the greatest piece of engineering work ever accomplished. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the world, the celebrated Forth Bridge, near Elin-

burgh, not excepted. "Wherever I went I saw cities and towns springing up, as Askobad in Turkomania, for example, which already has 25,000 inhabitants. Near Mery the Czar building a magnificent palace. Bokhara, twelve miles from Old Bokhara, has 20,000 inhabitants. The Russian policy in Central Asia is not to bring the new and the old into too close a contrast, and so she builds her railway stations a few miles away from the old

centres of population, thus forming new and entirely modern centres. "Where do the people come from to inhabit these towns? Why, from European Russia. The government is turning her surplus European population into Central Asia, just as the United States turned the surplus population of the Atlantic states into her great west. the Atlantic states into her great western territory. What I have just seen in Central Asia is almost an exact reproaction of what I witnessed years ago in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, when the immigrants from the east were pouring

into the west.
"No human power can stay the on-ward march of the Slavs through Russia into Asia, which will be the feature of the twentieth century, just as march of the Anglo-Saxon through America has been the feature of the nine-

'Aiready, thanks to her railways, Rus sia can at any time pour her armies across the frontiers of India by the same routes that Alexander, Tamerlane and Kubla Knan marched to the conquest of Rastern Asia. Russia to-day has 25,-000,000 reserves. All of them have served in the army from three to five years. One-fifth of her population has been drilled and disciplined to military work. The United States will be committing a woeful mistake if she fails to retain the friendship of this great world power of the future."

HEAVY FOG CLEARS.

New York, Dec. 23.—With a clear sky overhead once more the Atlantic liners and other steamiships, which have been held by the unprecedented fog of the last two days, got to sea to-day, while liners and other steamers arriving were able to go to their dock. The big movement of steamers created an appearance of great activity in the beau



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IN THE NICK OF TIME. Lieutenant Rickord Found in the Woods on the Verge of Despair.

As told in these columns yesterday, Lieutenant Rickord, who was lost while hunting near Comox, has been found after being in the woods four days. He returned to Esquimalt last evening on H.M.S. Leander, from the officers of which vessel full details of the lieutenant's misadventure were learned. He left the Leander, on which vessel he is rated as clerk, a week ago, to go on a shooting expedition in company with Lieutenant Longdon and Engineer W. S. Hill. They landed at Drew Harbor close by the Comox ranges and at once went forward into the mountainous wilderness which runs back from the water-front. Thinking to get better sport, the three sailors separated after taking their bearings and agreed to meet between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. At the at the meeting place and there they wait officers returned to their ship. Capt. Fegan at once notified Admiral Palliser and a search party was made up. Next morning a little flotilla set off in search. ing the clue they found the unfortunate lieutenant, utterly exhausted. He was leaning against a tree, emaciated and so

worn them off his feet.
Rickord is still too weak to talk of his Is In Good Health, but Thinks the Outlook floory.

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They waited to hear it again, but no more being heard, went on their way.
Again on another occasion a ship's boat was seen by Rickord and he climbed a tree and shouted to it. His voice attracted those on board and they stop-ped, waiting for a second call. Rickord was, however, unable to make them hear again and the boat passed on. Fearing wild animals, Rickord slept in a tree two

of the nights he was absent.

SIRDAR BOOMING.

A Sketch of the Latest Railway Town in the Kootenay. Work is well under way on the Nelson

Work is well under way on the Nelson & Bedlington Railway, and is being pushed simultaneously both from the international boundary and the Kuskonook ends, says the Nelson Miner: Contractor Carlson already has the right-of-way cleared from Kuskonook to the main line of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, a d'stance of three miles, while Breckenridge and Land are engaged on the same work near the international boundary line.

The contractors, Messrs. Foley Bros., Larsen and Halverson, have fixed upon Sirdar as their main distributing point—S'rdar was originally known as Fred Little's ranch, and then as 'Creston. Sirdar is situated about the middle of the construction work, and there he contractors have already erected three large warehouses adjoining the C. N. P. railway station, which is itself on the townsite. The sawmill there, owned by Messrs. Byers and Bigelow, of this city, is turning out 16,000 feet of lumber a day, but even then cannot keep pace with the demand, so great is the building activity. Seven hotels are in course of erection and five general stores are going up, as well as a large number of smaller buildings.

Sirdar is exceptionally well situated as regards railway connection, as both the Crow's Nest Pass Railway and the Nelson-Bedlington Railway pass through it. There is also a promising mining district in the vicinity. There are numerous claims on Goat mountain with excellent surface showings, some of which have had a good deal of development work done on them with encouraging results. A trial shipment from some of these claims is to be made this week to the Hall Mines Smelter, so that a reliable estimate of their values may be obtained. Sirdar is also a centre for a r'ch farming district, fruit and vegetables being extensively and profitably grown has by.

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It is expected that the Nelson-Bedlington Ra'lway will have no difficulty in obtaining powers over the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, as it is stated on what appears to be competent authority that the plans of the former line were filed at Ottawa before those of the Crow's Nest Pass road, and that the Crow's Nest Pass line is now running over the Nelson-Bedlington's stakes. stakes.

AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA.

New York, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Press from Washington says: "The indications are that Robert B. Hitt, of Hilmois, chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs, has been asked to accept the ambassadorship to Russia to-day by the President. Senator Cullom recently recommended Mr. Hitt for the British post. This is of importance as an indication that Mr. Hitt is willing to leave congress to enter the diplomatic service.

NEW STAMP DUTY

Parls, Dec. 23.—The chamber of deputics to-day adopted a bill imposing a stamp duty of one per cent. on foreign securi-

Temperance Man—I was glad to observe that at the recent launching your yess; was christened with pure water instead of wine.
Old Salt—That's so I just said to myself, "Cap'n Seadog," says I. "this thing has got to stop. I ain't goin' to waste any."

Each of the Queen's state horses car-

ries 140 pounds of harness.