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ent is satisfied that the siatic immigration as the very small arrivals of Japanese and Hincious to prevent any ent which is seeking lless of all consideror Imperial obligauture welfare of the matter of developing Orient.

AGAINST RANCE BILL

F FERNIE ES ON QUESTION

Operating in British at Present Handiby \$300 Tax.

considerable interest ently been overlooked with the opposition oped against the probill, has been brought of the Times. A great id about the Globe Inof Regina, and its the losses arising out are. These policies, it had only been written weeks before the outint covered being \$59,finitely, that no pold have been taken out ent of the Globe comrsuaded the sufferers nis concern. The conlows from this line that the obvious loss was only the amount paid in premiums possibly was con-

plea is, along the lines characterized as al-It is stated that ers of British Columof a board of insurwhose agents receive sion yearly of about companies now oper complain that heavily enough handving to pay a tax of can get a foothold, elf is enough to stiffe the rates have neces-sed to meet this extra ish Columbia. In the icial calamity, such as when the local govvote funds to tide over no have not got their ongings insured, it ness that the insurers inying for the losses of nsured. This it is an altogether anomafairs, and as a conse ing opposition against slation is discovering interest which the bill probably never

E TRAGEDY.

Vife Frozen to Death ig Home Provisions.

, Feb. 17.-Mrs. Andrew out 34, wife of a Sweliving about two and a of here, was frozen to y night three miles east

sisting of the deceased, five small children, the s only 6 years, was in stances. The husband at the hotel/here. Mrs. ourchased about fifty ons for the house, left six o'clock Saturday against a cold wind, dered from the road.



STATE CEREMONY AT WESTMINSTER

KING EDWARD OPENS BRITISH PARLIAMENT

Amicable Anglo-German Relagons Alluded to in Speech From the Throne.

han usual gathered at Westminster said: o-day for the state opening of parliathe fact that this was the first public | concerned." appearance of their Majesties since return from Berlin, whither they went last week to visit the Empero William, was largely responsible for the outpouring of the people, who lined the route to Buckingham palace, and gave the sovereigns an enthusiastic greeting as they passed in procession with an escort of the guards to the houses of parliament.

St. Stephens. These people were curi- in the west to look after that branch ous to see what would be the outcome of the service, F. Andrews will reof the threats made by the unemployed tain the position of chief and have and the women suffragists to indulge charge of the criminal work. The in demonstrations. The police at this work of assorting claims is to be lef int were out in force and ready to to Inspector Baby. deal with any disturbance.

Within the chambers the members of HON, W. S. FIELDING RETURNS. the two houses and a select few who had been invited to witness the actual Halifax, N.S., Feb. 16.-Hon. W. ceremony expectantly awaited the Fielding arrived from Liverpool on reading of the King's speech. Urgent Sunday. He is highly pleased with the of both houses and had brought into England.

waterways, adjacent to the interna-tional boundary between Canada and the United States, has been arranged, and this question being one of special Canadian interest, the advice of the ominion government was sought and

followed throughout.
"My ambassader in Washington has negotiated, also with the co-operation of the Canadian and Newfoundland minister of justice, an agreement for reference to arbitration of the Amerin fisheries question, and I trust that this agreement will be the means of effecting a final and friendly settlement of matters which have been long under discussion between this country nd the United States."

After mentioning the continued anxiety concerning the situation in Persia and the "imperative demand" for the introduction of representative London, Feb. 16 .- A greater crowd institutions in that country, the King

"I am happy to think that there is now an improved prospect of a solucompanied to the function by Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Lamily. A day of bright supplies that a settlement may be arrived amily. A day of bright sunshine, and at satisfactory to all the states therein

C. P. R. SECRET SERVICE.

Company to Practically Abolish System-Only Two Men in West,

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 16.—The Can-adian Pacific has decided to practi-Another and a greater crowd had cally abolish the secret service dessembled in the immediate vicinity of partment, and will have only two mer



particularly of the House of Common among whom there were only a few absentees. Some appeared in the house as early as midnight last night to secure seats, and from that hour until midday with short intervals the stream Mme. Eames Extinguishes of members of parliament made their way into the building.

Following close upon the heels of the first member to arrive came the quaintly attired Feomen of the Guard, who under the escort of a detachment of a formality that has been carried out

The House of Lords, when their Madesties appeared, was filled with peers her scene with Scarpia (Mr. Scott). and peeresses, members of the House of Commons, diplomats, and other rep-

life of London.

King Edward's speech from the throne contained no surprises, and as had been anticipated, the projected egislation forecasted by His Majesty largely social in character. The Ging opened with a graceful allusion o his recent visit in Berlin.

'I was much impressed and gratified the warmth of the public reception the Queen and myself by all classes the community," he said. "It aforded me great pleasure to meet the nperor of Germany, and I feel condent that the expressions of cordial clome with which we were greeted Berlin will tend to strengthen those micable relations between the two ntries that are essential to their utual welfare and the maintenance

Immediately after the usual references to the continued friendliness which characterised the foreign relations of Great Britain, the King spoke of the waterways and fisheries agree-

ments with the United States.

OPERA STAR PUTS OUT FIRE IN THEATRE

Flames Without Breaking Off Her Singing.

New York, Feb. 16.-Madame Eame police, made their customary inspec- made her farewell appearance at the tion of the vaults under the two houses, Metropolitan opera house last night is "Tosca," and signalized the event by since the discovery of the Guy Fawkes extinguishing a fire on the stage that might have extended to the scenery. This occurred in the second act during In some way a bit of blazing wax of Commons, diplomats, and other rep-resentatives of the official and social stand on the table in Scarpia's apartment fell on the table cloth and a once set it ablaze. Mme. Eames saw the flames, and without breaking her singing for an instant moved over t the table and catching up the table cloth rubbed it vigorously over the burning portion until she had extinguished the fire. The audience applauded the singer warmly and forced her t bow hey acknowledgment many times

-An inquest was held Monday into the circumstances surrounding the death of Neil Gibbons, who was found dead at the door of his cabin on Store street on Saturday morning. After evidence regarding the finding of the body and the medical testimony of Dr. Bapty the jury returned a verdict of death from heart failure. John Petti-crew gave evidence of having discovered the deceased at 6 o'clock Saturday morning lying dead outside his doon Sergt. Walker identified the body, and the jury had no difficulty in arriving

at a verdict.



AN UNINVITING PLUNGE.

A. J. B.—"Excuse me, Herbert, but don't you think the water will be rather warm for you?"

reading of the King's speech. Urgent whips had been issued by the leaders success of his mission to France and RESIGNS COMMAND OF CHANNEL FLEET

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD TO HAUL DOWN HIS FLAG

Orders From Admiralty Said to Be Outcome of Naval Feud.

London, Eng., Feb. 16.-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who is an-rounced to have resigned the post of fleet, to take effect on March 24th was seen yesterday regarding this statement. He declined to discuss the BUILDINGS COLLAPSE, action of the dmiralty.

"I can sa; cothing beyond this," said the add "that it is my business to obey calers, and I will have to haul down my flag at the time the admiralty has ordered me to do so. Any further information on this sub ject must come from the admiralty.' The service members of parliament have decided to take an early oppor tunity of questioning the ministers on this matter. Lord Beresford's friends the navy by the faction that follows nanner than before.

whether Lord Beresford will stand for injured. ebate naval policies.

BERLIN'S 'JACK THE RIPPER'

More Women Brutally Attacked, One Being Seriously Injured.

Berlin, Feb. 16.-Five more attacks afternoon and evening in the eastern uburbs, which brought the day's toof the women was seriously wounded Manitoba delegates.

hers were slight. Many persons declare that they have en the criminal, and the descriptions tally in most cases, leading the police to the conclusion that one man is re-

VIOLATING LORD'S DAY ACT.

Montral, Que., Feb. 16.—The attor-ney-general has notified the provinial police to take out summonses for the proprietors of moving picture places open on Sunday, January 31st.

LAKE VESSEL OWNERS TO SAFEGUARD SHIPPING

Association Will Lower Present Rates of Marine Insurance.

New York, Feb. 16.-Representatives

Vessel Owners' Association. It was marine insurance on vessels plying on which has stricken the community. the lakes which of late years have jumped from 23/4 to 51/2 per cent. It was

RECRUITING FOR TERRITORIAL ARMY

New York, Feb. 16 .- One thousand and twenty-five recruits for the Territorial army were enlisted in London last night, according to a special cable dispatch to the New York Times. This is double the rate of enlistment per day last week.

EARTHQUAKE IN ASIATIC TURKEY

NUMBER OF CASUALTIES

Inhabitants of Hungary Districts Flee in Terror to Country.

Constantinople, Feb. 16.-A number Sir John Fisher, first lord of the ad- of houses and government buildings gina lacrosse club has decided to sugmiralty, with whom he recently has in Sivas, the capital of the vilayet of gest dates in June to New Westmin waged a constant strife. If this turns the same name, in Asiatic Turkey, out to be the case the discussion of naval matters in parliament is likely to be renewed in an even more heated to be renewed in an even more heated been ascertained but reports say that been ascertained, but reports say that The press shows much interest as to 30 persons have been killed and others

Inhabitants Flee to Country. shock lasting for ten seconds was felt \$4,500. to-day in the district of Keeshemst, IS STILL AT LARGE Nagymoros, Czeglad and Feligyhasen. The inhabitants fled in terror to the country. The walls of a number of houses were cracked, but otherwise no damage was done.

CIVIL SERVANTS' PAY,

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 16.-The Winvere made upon women late yesterday nipeg Civil Service Association has decided to send a deputation to Ottawa to ask the Dominion government for tal up to seven and the aggregate to an increase in pay. The British Cowenty since the beginning of these lumbla association will appoint dele-ricious assaults a few days ago. One gates to act in conjunction with the

NEWFOUNDLAND'S PENNY POSTAGE WITH U. S. A.

Largely Due to Dr. Wilfrid Grenfell.

St. Johns. Nfld., Feb. 16 .- A two-cent letter postage between the United shows in Montreal for keeping their States and Newfoundland will become a reality on March 1st, the Washingcabinet having agreed to the re duction. The postage has hitherto been five cents. The reform is said to be due largely to Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, the La- Santiago Mystery Cleared Up brador missionary.

MYSTERIOUS DISEASE AFFLICTS POPULATION

Montreal Que. Feb. 16 .- With two dead at least, one more dying, and alafflicted with a terrible unknown disof the lake steam vessel owners and underwriters met yesterday and formed an organization to safeguard lake navigation and put into operation a plan of inter-insurance.

The new organization is the Lake The new organization is the Lake tongues and splitting headaches, and no one, not even the most expert docformed to lower the present rates of ters, know what is the dread disease

attend.

VESSELS COLLIDE. BOTH FOUNDER

THIRTY LIVES LOST IN MEDITERRANEAN WATERS

Ten Survivors From SS. Australia Are Landed at Algiers.

Algiers, Feb. 16.-Thirty lives were lost when an unknown salling vessel rammed the Belgian steamer Australia during a storm on February 12th, near Alboran island, in the Mediterranean a hundred miles from Gibraltar, and both vessels foundered Of this number, fourteen men were on the sailing vessel and sixteen from

the Australia. Ten members of the crew of the Australia, who had put off from that vessel in a small boat, were picked up by the German steamer Liberia, and brought in here yesterday.

MINTO CUP CHALLENGE.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 16.-The Re ster, as the time to contest for the possession of the Minto Cup. committed between 1962 and 1969.

FIVE FAMILIES HOMELESS.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 16.-Fire broke out early yesterday morning and defour houses on Sydenham street. Five Budapest, Feb. 16.-An earthquake families were rendered homeless. Loss

> PADDED TRAIN FOR MANIAC PASSENGERS

Fourteen Lunatics Going to New York to Be Deported.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 16 .- An especially constructed car will start to day for New York, carrying 14 insane Marchant and Clark Are inmates taken from the California insane asylum. On their arrival at New York the aliens will be sent to their respective countries under the recent regulations of the immigration laws that any alien showing insanity with-in three years after coming to this ountry, will be returned to his native sponsible in every case. Several arrests have been made.

Reform Effective on March 1st land. The car, which will be attached to a fast overland train, is equipped with padded walls and barred windows. Its crew includes the immigration officers in charge, who consist of two matrons and six male attendants.

> LEGATION EMPLOYEE CONFESSES TO CRIME

-Chancellor Beckert to Answer Charge.

most ten per cent. of the population killing of the servant of the legation, whose body was found ten days ago

which has stricken the community.

the charred body of a man. It was then believed that Beckert had perdished in the flames, but a careful expension of the events of the charred body of a man. It was then believed that Beckert had perdished in the flames, but a careful expension of the events of explained to the underwriters present that the owners will take over 5 per cent, of the insurance as an evidence by the second of the insurance as an evidence by the second of the insurance as an evidence by the insurance cent. of the insurance as an evidence hall. A good programme is being preof their good faith. The new associapared by an energetic committee, and that \$9,000 had been to death and that \$9,000 had been attention in the records of the travellers, together with the other places of posed to have partially recovered as a February 12th.

FATAL PRACTICAL JOKE,

Montreal, Que., Feb. 16 .- Mrs. EH2a beth Courchesne, 59 years old, is dead as the result of some practical joker rapping on the windows of her residence. The same thing had occurred before, and when it was repeated on Sunday night Madame Courchesne, considerably alarmed, procured a re volver and going to the window at which the noise was being made, threatened to shoot the parties outside f they did not desist. Hardly had she spoken when the old lady expired from heart failure brought on by fright.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Discovery and Exploration of Frasel River Subject of Lecture,

It was found impossible to complete the lecture on the Discovery and Ex-O. S. Scholefield commenced before the Natural History Society Monday. Mr. Scholefield told of Sir Alexander Macthe big river was made in the upper reaches. He then traced the journey of Simon Fraser down the river, show-ing the objects of the expedition and the trials and difficulties encountered as they entered the hitherto unexplored regions. The journeys were illustrated by maps, and at the conclusion a number of fine views were thrown on the screen, illustrating many of the points mentioned.

BREWERY COMBINE.

Montreal Que. Feb 16 .- An amaleaation of the breweries in the province f Quebec, which may later be extended to take in all the breweries in Canada seems to be an accomplished fact. A large accumulation of capital will represented in the new association. Arrangements so far, however, are rather indefinite. A meeting is being held to discuss the conditions under which each separate firm will enter the association. The object of the combination is to regulate trade.

INVOKE LEMIEUX ACT.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 16 .- The Teamsters' Union of Winnipeg, whose members have been locked out by the Winlipeg Cartage Company, have formally invoked the procedure of the Lemieux Act. The department of labor at Ottawa has accepted the applica-tion, and has taken the necessary steps to constitute a board of arbitration. The local union named J. J. O'Donohue, of Toronto, as its representative on the board, but Mr. O'Donohue has declined to act.

ALBERTA CONSERVATIVES.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.-Asked yesterday what he had to say regarding the proffered leadership of the Alberta Conservatives, M. S. McCarthy, M. P. for Calgary, said it had been impossible as yet to arrive at any decision He was awaiting the arrival of a commication from the Conservative Association.

SCOTTISH SENSATION. Manager and Directors of Mutual

Bank Under Arrest. Montreal, Que., Feb. 16.—Private cables from Glasgow, Scotland, say that a big sensation has been created there by the arrest of the manager and directors of the Mutual Bank on charges of alleged fraud and imposi-

PAVEMENT SUICIDE.

From Fifth Floor of Boston Structure.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 16.-Miss Blanche Ensign, 26 years old, of Lexington avenue, New York city, killed herself here last evening by jumping from an apartment on the fifth floor at No. 68 West Concord street, to the pavement below. She was mangled and died in

CONTINENT WALKERS REACH THE COAST

an ambulance on the way to a hospital.

Victoria After Long Tramp.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) E. N. Clark, formerly editor of the Manmouthshire Advertiser, and Leo Marchant, at one time on the staff of the Capetown Argus, are spending a few days in the city, having arrived on Sunday night from Vancouver Messrs. Clark and Marchant have just completed the journey from Quebec to Vancouver on foot, with the object of btaining matter for articles to Pearsen's Magazine.

August 8th was the day the two set out from Quebec. The two travellers carry with them a book which contains the signatures of at least one newspaper man in each town they visit,

All together they have travelled by average of 40 miles a day.

The office of the German legation at treated them as guests. At other times, Santiago was destroyed by fire on Feb- however, they have slept anywhere and ruary 5th, and in the ruins was found everywhere, on station platferms in the Driard hotel.

HUNDREDS DEAD IN THEATRE BLAZE

ROASTED ALIVE IN A ... ACAPULCO STRUCTURE

Panic Stricken Persons Block Up Exits Cutting Off Escape.

Mexico. Feb. 16.—Between 250 and 400 persons were burned to death and many injured in a fire which destroyploration of the Fraser river, which E. | ed the Flores theatre in the city of Acapulco on Sunday night. The news of the disaster reached the capital yeskenzie's trip across the continent terday afternoon, telegraphic com-showing where the first discovery of munication having been interrupted munication having been interrupted owing to the fact that the telegraph office adjoining the theatre was burned and all the wires put out of commis-

The Flores theatre was a wooden structure, and on Sunday night over 1,000 people crowded into it to witness a special performance given in honor of Governor Flores, of the state of Guerrero, who was visiting the city at the time. One of the numbers of the programme consisted of a series of moving pictures. While the operator was exhibiting these a film caught fire and the blaze was quickly com-municated to some booking which had been used for decoration purposes In an incredibly short time the fiames spread to all parts of the struc-

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 terrific, 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. The efforts of the fire department were confined to attempting to save the adjoining buildings, and they succeeded so that the property loss was

small. The telegraph office, post office and custom house were damaged, but all of the government records and registered mail was saved. Yesterday pitiable scenes of grief were being enacted on the streets of the little west 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 considerable importance, and

calling out the wealthiest and oldest families for miles around. In some instances whole families were wiped out of existence. The municipal authorities yesterday caused large trenches to be dug, and into these the remains of the dead were laid. According to telegrams re-ceived from there, recognition of the dead has been an impossibility, owing to the fact that bodies were burned in most cases to a crisp. Telegrams sent to the American consul at Aca-

result of the catastrophe have as yet not been replied to. Acapulce is on the west coast of the state of Gustrero, and is one of the three important ports of the Pacific

pulco by the Associated Press asking

for the names of Americans dead as a

coast of Mexico. FAREWELL TAKEN OF FATHER VULLINGHS

His Many Friends in City Bid Him Goodbye.

Monday a reception, followed by a panquet, was given Reverend Father Vullinghs by his Victoria friends at Miss Steiner's residence, Gorge road. Upwards of one hundred guests were present to say farewell to the reverend gentleman ere his departure for Europe, which trip he contemplates taking this present week. An enjoyable evening was spent, the first hours given to music. Prof. Bantley accom-panied many of the solos, while Miss Griffiths also assisted as accompanist. Local selections were given by Mrs. Cotal selections were given by Mrs. O'Leary, Miss Lily Griffith, Messrs. Cantwell, Evans, Critchley and Mrs. and Mrs. Geiger. Mr. and Miss Morrison rendered German duets. Earl Newman gave a whistling solo, accompanied by Mrs. Stelly on the piano. Mr. Sherett rendered a cornet solo and Miss Bessie Forbes and Mr. W. Bryce violin selections.

At 11.30 the guests proceeded to the dining hall, where a dainty repast had been arranged by Mrs. Cunningham, Belanger, Misses Needham, Steiner and Routh. On the table was placed a large beautifully decorated cake lettered with the words, "A pleasant trip where there is a newspaper. Robbed and beaten by the way, they have persevered and finally reached the western coast.

The words, "A pleasant trip and safe return." also dates 1893-1903.

A nicely worded address was here read by Lou O'Leary, followed by the presentation of a purse of gold. Speeches. and toasts were given by Messrs. Forbes Santiago, Chili, Feb. 16.—Herr Beckert, the chancellor of the German legation here, who was arrested at Ghilan last week, has confessed to the killing of the servant of the legation, Whose hedy was a very server of the legation, where he was a very server of the legation, where he was a very server of the legation, where he was a very server of the legation, where he was a very server of the legation, where he was a very server of the legation and critchley, which the reverence server of the legation and critchley which the reverence server of the legation and critchley, which the reverence server of the legation and critchley, which the reverence server of the legation and critchley, which the reverence server of the legation and critchley, which the reverence server of the legation and critchley, which the reverence server of the reverence server of the reverence server of the reverse server of the reverse of the reverse server of the reverse of the reverse server of the reverse erend gentleman's many Victoria friends present, were: Mrs. White-Birch, Mr. and Mrs. Cantwell, Mr. Critchley (Sidney), Mr. Verdi. As the gathering broke up it the men with outflis from time to time, and hotel proprietors by the road have treated them.

SUICIDE BY HANGING.

North Augusta, Ont., Feb. 16.-Mrs. "Satisfactory progress has been made," he said, "in the negotiations on outstanding questions with the United States. A treaty to regulate the use of the