## THE VENEZUELANS

sire which animates the Imperial gov-

from desiring not to respect the sover

in its interior institutions, it can only see in the proceedings employed by the

Venezuelan government an intention

to deny to the German claimants the ettlement due them in conformity with

international law, and therefore believes itself obliged to contribute in a definite manner to their definite satisfaction.

"The Imperial government has conse

quently instructed me to pray the Vene-

zuelan government to satisfy without

delay the German credits which, according to my note of December 31st last,

amount to 1,718,815 bolivars, 67 cen-

times. Furthermore, the manner in

which German claims consequent upon

the war have been treated by the gov

ernment of the Republic, has led the Im-

perial government to think that other claims of its subjects against the Re-

"By order of the Imperial government

I have asked the Venezuelan govern-ment to make a declaration immediately

tain satisfaction of all demands

"(Sigd.) VON PILGRIM-BALTAZZI,

"AUTOMOBILE" TRAIN.

Three Carriages to Run Between Paris

and Dijon.

New York, Dec. 13.-A dispatch from

Paris, by way of London, to the Times

describes a new system of railway travel-

train consisting of three "automobile"

carriages is to leave Paris for Dijon on

ages will take forty passengers each, as

well as luggage, and a lavatory and a

employed, a small quantity of petroleum

converts a small amount of water into

the greatest possible propelling power,

of one of the present corridor cars, which, however, are not convertible to

the new system. It is stated that a speed of 62 miles an hour can be main-

POLICE CHARGED MOB.

Several Men Injured During a Strike

Marseilles, Dec. 12 .- The first colli-

sion between strikers and the police oc-

curred to-day, and as a result several

men on both sides, including a commis-

sary of police, were injured. The clash

of a car loaded with coal, which was

being sent to the port. The police

rests. The remainder of the strikers

were dispersed. Troops now guard all

and police occupy the streets surround-

Fishermen Out.

Nice, France, Dec. 13.-The boatmen

and fishermen here and at Villefranche

and Beaulieu, who are liable to naval

service, have gone on strike in sym-

pathy with the movement at Marseilles.

CANNOT MEET DEMAND.

Number of Works Have Been Closed

Owing to Scarcity of Fuel.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 13.-The

plant of the New Haven Iron & Steel

Ferries Suspended.

Frankfort, Mich. Dec. 13.-Two car

ferries of the Ann Arbor railway are

tied up at their docks here because of

Four Hundred Idle.

plant for an indefinite period on account of lack of fuel. Over 400 hands will be

CLERGUE'S MILL

Large Contracts For Steel Rails-Oper-

ations to Be Resumed Next

yesterday:
"We have secured contracts from the

thrown out of employment,

to Nice.

ing the port.

lack of fuel.

'German Charge d'Affaires."

DETAILS OF THE CAPTURE OF WARSHIPS

Germany Has Not Yet Received Any Proposal Looking to Arbitration.

Caracas, Dec. 13.-The following details of the capture of the Venezuelan public also stand in need of support. vessels at La Guayra on Tuesday by the Anglo-German forces have reached

At: 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon 13 that it recognizes by principle the correctness of these demands, and is willboats manner by 240 British and Ger- ing to accept the decision of a mixed man scamen and towed by two steam commission with the object of having launches, without giving any notification, them determined and issued in all their of their intention to the Venezuelan authorities, entered the harbor of La "The Imperial government hopes that Charybdis and returned an hour later Gnayrı and proceeded to the docks. The the government of the Republic will German contingent belonging to the satisfy the just demand of Germany, cruisers Vineta and Falke, went to and not oblige the Imperial government board the Margarita, formerly the tor- to enforce its satisfaction, pedo boat Rayo, which was given to Venezuela by Ecuador, and revolver in should not omit to mention that it is hand, compelled the men who were oc- in accord with the British government, cupied in repairing her to abandon the | and has agreed to p oceed jointly to ob-

The German sailors smashed the tornedo tubes the compass and the machinery, and left the Margarita in dock in this disabled condition. The Germans afterwards boarded the Usson, a freight steamer belonging to a Frenchman, and chartered by the government for the transportation of troops, and or dered the few sailors on board to quit the vessel, which they did without mak-

resistance. The German sail-the anchor chain and towed her ling soon to be introduced in France. e same time the sailors of the cruiser Retribution boarded the January 18th. It will travel 100 kilo-Crespo and the Tutono and meters (62 miles) an hour. The carri- the town, their crews to lower the Vene-flag and leave the vessels. The elans made no resistance. The bar will be provided. Under the system bluejackets then cut the vessels omitheir anchors and towed ptside the harbor. The Venctrews were allowed to return to the steam acting directly on the wheels, The captured steamers were thus locomotives are superseded and each 11 e'clock at night still in the carriage is independent. The initial cost sitional At 2 o'clock in the of the carriage complete is equal to that the British cruiser Retribution the General Crespo and the Tueither out, and the Venezuelan have not been seen since.

dovernment asserts that the sol- tained for the whole distance from Paris to the fort at La Guayra saw ank with dynamite. It is a fact e Retribution returned alone a urs later to La Guayra, and it essible for her to have conthem either to Curacoa or Trin-The government complains that rman sailors ate the meals preboard the captured steamers Venezuelan crews.

Another Seizure. uayra, Dec. 13.-The German Vineta vesterday captured near the Venezuelan gunboat Res formerly George J. Gould's lanta. A crew from the Vineta aboard and the captured vessent to Trinidad. Nothing Official.

Berlin Dec. 13.-The foreign office here temight had not received a propocition to arbitrate through any channel. While it is said that Germany's claims rded as so clear and well are regarded as so clear and well grounded, that it is not easy to see what is left to arbitrate, still it is again reported that such a proposition would be taken into consideration if adequate reasons were presented.

had given Germany and Great Britain its consent to the landing of troops in Vene zuela is incorrect, because such a land ing has not been the subject of nego-

Germany's Note. is, Dec. 13.-Following is a copy lemands presented by the Ger-

inister on December 8th, before embarking at La Guayra: "To His Excellency Senor Lopez Baralt

Minister of Foreign Affairs: "In the name of the government

the insufficient coal supply. There is ty, the German Emperor, not ten tons of soft coal in storage here onor to make the following where about 150 cars are usually kept. on to the government rial government has been Rockville, Conn., Dec. 13.-The American Mills Company, manufacturers of woolen goods, to-day closed down their

of the note of the min affairs of Venezuela, dated May last. In that note, government refused the Imperial government reyment of German claims ne civil wars of 1898 to pport their refusal, re ts already put forward. rnment, even after exuments anew, does not onsider that satisfac ment of the Republic first place, owing to on it is not possible | Clergue made the following statement of foreigners arisdiplomatic inter e is not in con-

## sire which animates the Imperial government to maintain existing good relations with Venezuela, and although far HOUSE BOMBARDED

VENEZUELANS MADE BUT FEEBLE REPLY

No Damage Done to Town of Perto Cabello - Merchants Have Abandoned La Guayra.

Porto Cabello, Dec. 15.-The British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta have bombarded the fortress here and quickly silenced it. When the Charybdis and the Vineta arrived the captain of the English merchant steamer Topaze, which was seized by the mob last Wednesday, visited the English commodore on board the with a detachment of 50 marines, which took charge of the Topaze. The popu-"The Imperial government thinks it and raised the cry "to arms," but no in-

cident occurred. The English commodore then sent a demand to the authorities for immediate satisfaction for having pulled down the British flag from the Topaze, and advised the government that if satisfaction was not forthcoming in two hours the fortress and the custom house would

be bombarded. The authorities on receipt of this demand sent a message to President Castro asking for instructions.

Vineta opened fire on the fortress and custom house. The fort replied, but was scon silenced. No damage was done to

The United States consul went on moved an adjournment of the House to crdered the immediate erection of a large board the two cruisers and was informed discuss Venezuelan matters. The moby their commanders that they had come to this point in search of the Venezuelan

Depending on Sates. Caraças, Dec. 15.-Inaction reigns in government circles. The officials do not know what to do, and are depending entirely on the United States to assist

A movement is on foot here, headed by prominent Roctors and lawyers, to request President Castro to resign and ask ice-President Ramond Yala to assume the presidency and form a cabinet withcut party tendencies. It is also proposed to summon Congress to appoint a emporary president and arrange the estions in dispute in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. Gen. Her andez (Elmocho), who has just been released from prison at Maracaibo, is expected at Caracas to-morrow. His parwas an outcome of an attempt of the strikers to destroy the track in front

tizans are very active and further trouble is apprehended. The Venezuelan government announces hat Great Britain has reopened the navigation of the Orinoco river. Two warships will parrol the mouths of the charged the crowd and made fifteen arriver and the river itself. This measure applies only to foreign ships. Vessels approaches to the port and disperse all flying the Venezuelan flag are excluded.

The patriotic parade here yesterday assemblages. A strong force of soldiers passed off without any extraordinary incidents. President Castro, during the

day, visited the tomb of Bolivar.

The government reports that the German cruiser Panther is going to Maracaibo to destroy the forts there. Minister Bowen, at the request of the Dutch minister, Dr. Van Leyden, who is sick at Curacoa, has taken charge of the Dutch interests here. The leading merchants of La Guayra arrived here Baker as a proper candidate for the last night abandoning the port, owing to fear that it will be shelled to-day. The German cruiser Vineta is going to visit Margarita, an island in the Carribean sea, 30 miles north of Cumana, belonging

Company has been closed owing to a At 5 o'clock vesterday afternoon, four cud explosions alarmed the city of Porto Cabello. It was found that British marines had blown up the subterranean prison cells of Castle Libertador with dynamite. They also burned all the wooden buildings surrounding the castle and carried away everything that could

be transported. After the bombardment of the forts at Porto Cabello and the landing of marines on the island, where the castle is situated, the forces of the powers acted just as if they were at home, causing great indignation among the Venezuelans When everything had been destroyed the

marines re-embarked. The Venezuelan government warship Miranda has escaped the vigilance of the German cruisers Falke and Panther, which were searching for her, and ar river at Maracaibo yesterday.

here, it is stated the Venezuelan vessels sunk off La Guayra were old and worthless revenue cutters and unfit to go to e is not in con-val law, since the which will keep the mills in continuous the blockade. The destruction of the have been sent to a certain West Inher such inters and snecessful operation all winter and be appre- probably far into the summer."

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Venezuela's proposition through Min- No new evidence is being taken row, the would pay dividends. The mills will ister Bowen to submit the question in fermer transcripts being read, and A. L. reopen as soon as there is sufficient pig dispute to arbitration has now been reiron, which is coming in freely. It is stated that the mills will reopen on De-ember 22nd.

Cerved here. The totalgal once any only the matter before His Lordship.

The argument in Milne vs Macdonell cided upon by Germany and Great Britain. The officials here do not indicate what will be the final decision on the OMACH "SCOWLS."—Ever notice the and furrows that steal into the face sufferer from indigestion, dyspepsia nic stomach afiments? Watch the break in and the lines vanish Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets chance to show their power. Titing of their efficacy in her "A heaven-born healer."

situation. May Assist Castro. New Ye 15.—The Herald corresponder as says he has learnrity that the government of e, former vice-presi- dispatch cted its consular rep-Union Telegraph resentativ e, Ky., on Satur-, as early the attitu what appears to be

what view that government is likely to take of its obligations under the Mouroe doctrine in the face of the agressive ac-Should the United States decide to remain impassive on the ground that its inerpretation of the Monroe doctrine does not warrant interference with a foreign power resorting to drastic measures for the collection of claims, the correspondent says he is informed that the gov- DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT ernment of Argentina, feeling that the autonomy of all South American states is jeopardized, is prepared to take a stand by the side of Venezuela to offer her assistance to President Castro. 'Argentina is not anxious to declare he attitude and will only do so it is said. the event that the United States should maintain a complaisant attitude of non-interference. It is believed that Chili also entertains similar intentions, and many official cable messages have been exchanged between official representatives of the Venezuelan government and those of the Chilian repu Valparaiso as well as with Buenos

Arbitration Proposal. London, Dec. 15 .- The Associated Press has reason to believe that orders will be, or have been, sent to the British commander in Venezuela waters to take

the proposal for arbitration. This came in the form of a proposal took charge of the Topaze. The popu-lace were greatly excited at this incident to submit the claims of British and German subjects to arbitration, which Lord ansdowne announced later in the day in the House of Lords is "Now under consideration by the British government." He added: "We are greatly inacted to the good offices of the United States minister at Caracas in obtaining the release of the British and German

> Sinking of Ships. British commander was responsible for and also goods from the store

was not responsible for this. Mr. Schwann, advanced Liberal, then tion will be discussed at 7 o'clock this the old town site office till the new evening.

A DISCLATMER

New York, Dec. 13. An organization alled the Newspaper Artists' Associa; tion, at 23 East 14th street, in this city, under the management of C. W. Parker, claims to have as part of its the use of the names is distinctly mis-(Signed) Melville Stone, General Man-

ager Associated Press. LENORA COMPANY AFFAIRS.

S. H. Matson Appointed Liquidator— Supreme Court Cases—Argument in Milne vs. Macdonell.

The chief matter of interest in Chambers on Monday before Mr. Justice Irving was an application for the apcintment of an official liquidator of the Lenora-Mount Sicker Company. At a site will be available for business at meeting of creditors held recently, J. S. once. By Thursday evening they will be again selling goods in these new the majority of interests, no other numinations being made. W. J. Taylor, K. C., for Hofius & Co., applied to have Mr. Matson appointed by the court. E. V. Bodwell, K. C., representing Breen's interests, opposed the appointment on the ground that Mr. Matson had been actively engaged in the efforts to reorganize the company, and no one should be appointed whose interests and duties were likely to conflict and he therefore put forward the name of E. Crowoffice. W. iE. Oliver, for the company, wished the appointment delayed for a week, as it was probable that a schen of reconstruction would be perfected by that time, but approved of the appoint- morning where polling takes place. A ment of Mr. Matson, as did Thornton Fell, representing the majority of creditors. His Lordship granted an order for large majority at that place. Up to noon the appointment of Mr. Matson as liquidator, bonds for \$25,000 to be furnished, At Ladysmith on Saturday evening with liberty to increase the amount of | Col. Prior was present and address security if necessary, the books and pa- first meeting since assuming the pre pers to be handed over on security being miership. He outlined what he had perfected, and claims to be sent in by done since entering the government. He January 14th next. had insisted upon getting the portfolic The other applications disposed of were of mines, and had been instrumental in January 14th next.

as follows: Re Thos. Atkins, deceased—R. H. Pooley obtained probate of will.

Re Chew Mong, deceased—A. F. R. Martin obtained an order for letters of administration.

defendant, E. M. Yarwood contra. Law Society.

Mr. Justic Drake is to-day hearing

sary in order to prevent them from fair osition of accordance acco arbitration proposition, but apparently it of Capt. John Irving against Col. Hayes Mr. Paterson will hold meetings was made too aftect the general will probably be commenced to-morrow

CATARRHAL HEADACHES.-That dull. CATARRHAL HEADACHES.—That dull, wretched pain in the head just over the eyes is one of the surest signs that the seeds of catarrh have been sown, and it's your warning to administer the quickest and surest treatment to prevent the seating of this dreaded manaly. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder will stop all pain in ten minutes, and cure. 50 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—121.

LADYSMITH YESTERDAY

Nothing Saved From Leiser & Company's Establishment-New Building Being Erected.

Ladysmith, Dec. 13.-The big general store of Simon Leiser & Co., Ltd., with its entire contents, was burned to the ground on Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. no further aggressive action at present pending a decision being arrived at on Ladysmith. The volunteer fire brigade, under Chief

Fraser, did splendid work, although handicapped by want of water.

Mr. Marshall saved all the papers, cooks and cash from the safe, and Postmaster Southin rescued all the mail bags, papers, etc.

The firemen's heroic exertions saved

Mr. Marshall's residence, Jones's and Abbottsford's hotels, and Rolston's big hardware store from certain destruction. At 5 o'clock the Charybdis and the under secretary said His Majesty's gov-brought from Nanaimo by special train, but the fire was under control by the

German commander found it necessary time they arrived. Had Rolston's buildhave been doomed Mr. Leiser was here yesterday and

> quarters are ready. The fire has roused Ladysmith people to the absolute necessity of better fire

The store was situated at the corner of High street and the esplanade. Itwas a fine building, and was put up early in the history of the place, securconnected with the Associated Press. I about 120 feet deep with a frontage of desire to say that the Associated Press has no relation to this affair, and that intended specially for the holiday trade, were estimated to be worth at least \$30,000. Upon these the insurance was \$26,000 on the contents and \$4,750 on the building. The post office adjoined the store, and was owned by the same

Simon Leiser, of this city, visited Ladysmith yesterday, and with characteristic enterprise at once decided upon arrangements for carrying on the business. All the workmen available were engaged, and a gang of about thirty men started vesterday to put up a new building. This will be pushed to completion and a temporary store alongside the old

POLLING TO-DAY.

The election in North Nanaimo was in

personal popularity.
The Times Nanaimo correspondent wires as follows: "There is not much change in the po tinues a strong favorite. A number of report from Parksville this morning says Up to noon At Ladysmith on Saturday eyening baving a commission appointed to look into the causes of accidents. Touching upon the railway policy of the govern-ment, he said that if there was a cash bonus given it would be inscribed stock of the province. If a land grant were Leiser vs. Harrof-Leave to appear after judgment, granted. W. P. Gooch for rounded by every safeguard. The lands would be open to settlement on the same terms as government lands. The minerals would be free to the prospec-tors, timber would not be granted to Probably Too Late.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—In official quarters are, it is stated the Venezuelan vessels sunk off La Guayra were old and worth-candidates for finals, but was adjourned for want of a quorum.

The December translation the rankway compared to the rankway compared grant which might be made so that the people's rights would be protected.

Referring to the disallowance of provincial acts at Ottawa, he said that

pears to be North Victoria. John Oliver, M. P. P., spent several days last week in that constituency in the interests of T. W. Paterson. He returned Monday to enter the fight again. the present time no meetings have been eld, but the candidates have confined their work to organization. This week vening, commencing Monday at South venings meetings will be held at North Salt Spring, Gabriola Island, Mayne IslNOT A SUCCESS.

Attempt to Lay Shore End of Pacific Cable a Failure.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.-An unsuccessful attempt was made to-day to lay the shore end of the United States Pacific cable. A strong unfavorable tide was the chief cause of the failure. The EX-PREMIER NOW day was perfect as to weather conditions, and the occasion had been made the cause for a semi-holiday. Fully 25,-(06 people gathered at the beach, onehalf of them school children, to witness the beginning of the cable laying.

The cable steamer Silverton anchor ed off the beach soon after daylight, but it was decided to delay the hauling of the cable ashore until the water should become somewhat smoother.

At 11 o'clock the life-saving crew appeared with surf boats to assist in nmunicating between the steamer and the shore. The crews of these boats and the crews of two boats launched ago Premier of the province of British The fire started in the furniture depart-ment, Manager Marshall supposes, by from the Silverton to a point outside pontaneous combustion, as there was the breakers, and waited there while absolutely no sign or smell of fire at another boat from the life-saving sta-11.30, when he made the customary in-spection on Saturday night. The loco-the end of the rope to land. The boat, spection on Saturday night. The loco-motives in the railway yard blew alarms drawn by horses, came into the surf, which brought out nearly everybody in and the crew climbed into their places. There was a cheer from the crowd as the men met the breakers, and the cheer way from the driver, and, with the boat carriage dragging after it, plunged ir to the crowd of people who had gathered on the beach. Several children were knocked down in the scramble to get out of the way of the maddened Lorses, but the animals were caught before serious injury had been done.

After several attempts, the life-saving crew succeeded in getting ashore a haw-Mrs. Marshall's conservatory was totally ruined. The loss is \$1,000. This is ser, to which was attached the cable. London, Dec. 15.—The under foreign the second time it has been destroyed secretary, Lord Cranborne, denied in the in a year. Mr. Marshall had many hours before an attempt was made to House of Commons to-day that the valuable articles stolen from his house, draw the cable ashore. The hawser sagged so that it was impossible to draw it ashore through the strong tide. Just before the attempt was abandoned, several men took hold of the hawser for a final pull. The hawser flew up and te sink two ships, but Great Britain ing caught, half of Ladysmith would struck Clarence H. MacKay on the chin. and knocked him off his feet. Another time, and Frank Hotaling, of New York, sustained a severe cut on the face. Darkness coming on, the Silverton re rned to her anchorage in the Another trial will be made on Monday.

FOUR SCHOONERS LOST

Wiecked in Storm on Newfoundland Coast-Ten Men Drowned.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 11.-Fierce snow storms continue to sweep the Newfourdland coast. Four more schooners have been lost, one with her entire crew have been driven to sea, and are believed to be in great danger. Trains and said the silent millionaire, breaking his stcamers are delayed and there have habit for been a number of fatalities throughout cite of the colony.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Staff of Bank of Commerce Will ceive Bonus.

Toronto, Dec. 13 .- The Canadian Bank to L. of Commerce management has decided to thracite in the coast remarked that it give every member of its staff throughout Canada a substantial Christmas we have none nearer than Colorado,' he once. By Thursday evening they will gift. It will take the form of a bonus said, and the long haul practically puts of from 10 to 20 per cent of the annual

THE BANNOCKBURN.

Mariners Believe the Steamer Broke in Two. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12.—Mariners here believe the missing steamer Ban-

ncckburn, loaded with grain from Port Arthur for Midland, broke in two from a strain received by going aground some two years ago, which was thought at the me was only slight.

PASSED EXAMINATION.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.-Alice Jane Boyd and John Henry Lord passed the last examination for the

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death on the man who fell from the window ledge on which he had fallen asleep. But the death was really due to which made possible.



the government would re-enact this legislation as soon as the House fe-assembled.

the warming symptoms of disease, he is carelessly inviting calamity.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect digestion and assimi-lation of food, which makes strength. It stimulates the liver, cures bili and removes bilious impurities from the blood.

blood.

"I had been troubled with a pain in lower part of my stomach for three years, so severe I thought it would kill me in time," writes. Mr. Aaron Van Dam, of (Kensington) 2549 110th St., Chicago, Ill. "I could hardly work; it felt like a big weight hanging on me and got so bad that I had to take medicine. I used Stomach Bitters for a time, but it did no good so I wrote to Dr. R. V. Pierce for advice, which he gave me immediately. I followed his directions; used two bottles of his medicine and was cured. I had a torpid liver which was troubling me instead of crampa (as I thought), so Dr. Pierce told me. I have pleasure in living now; have gained in weight 15 pounds since then."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They do not beget the oill

stipation. They do not beget the pill

NEW ANTHRACITE STRIKE AT COMOX

IN SAN FRANCISCO

And Teils Bulletin About It, But Very Briefly-He is There Incognito.

"James Dunsmuir, many times a millionaire, owner of the vast collieries on Vancouver Island and until a few weeks Columbia, is in San Francisco incognito and much active speculation among those interested in fuel propositions may well be caused by his presence here," says the San Francisco Bulletin.

"Mr. Dunsmuir arrived at the Palace on Monday night from Victoria, but for his own reasons he did not register. His already secured his apartments and he went directly to them. On Tuesday merning he was seen in the court with Mr. Lindsay, but in answer to various inquiries he managed to live up successfully to his record which gained him the name of 'the silent Premier' when he was an active figure in Canadian politics: For Mr. Dunsmuir does not talk, in fact, it is on record that he has gone through whole sessions of parliament without uttering a word, and he carries this curious reticence

even into his ordinary business. "'All I can say is that I have not had an opportunity of getting down to San Francisco since I returned from King Edward's coronation, he said. 'I have many interests here and I am looking after them. That's all."

"The curious part of the coal baron's presence here at this time is that it is cincident with that of S. M. Robins. nanager of the New Vancouver Coal Company, the collicries of which are immediately adjoining those of the Dunsmuirs. It is at least on the tapis that a big deal is in contemplation by which American capitalists may secure the whole of the coal measures on Vancouver Island.

"Quite recently it was announced in the Bulletin exclusively that the Pacific Improvement Company had sold to Mr. Dunsmuir its share in the coal fields and in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railroad, so that the ex-premier is in a position to deal with the question any way he wishes.

once. 'We have found anthra-Comox. It is a six-foot seam ds under a thousand acres om the croppings it as-

> isit anything to do acite on the market

tance of the discovery of ancould not be overestimated. 'At present

out of the market.' "In connection with Mr. Dunsmuir's visit it is interesting to note that he is defendant in a suit recently launched by Edna Wallace Hopper to secure a large share of the estate of the late Alex. Dunsmuir, who was married to the young actress's mother."

MILNE VS. MACDONELL Pleadings of Plaintiff Were Amended

and the Jury Discharged. In the suit between Dr. Milne and D. G. Macdonell concer the latter of the V., V. & E. charter, the evidence for the plaintiff was finished Friday. Mr. Justice Irving decided that the evidence did not support the ase made out on the pleadings sufficienty to warrant his charging the jury, and llowed plaintiff's counsel the option ccepting a non-suit or amending his leadings, in which case he would disharge the jury. The pleadings were mended, and the jury were therefore scharged. Counsel for the defendant

un. An adjournment was taken until fonday at 11 a.m. ACCIDENT ON AORANGI.

hen moved for a non-suit, which was refused, and the defendant's case was be-

John O'Donnell, a fireman of the R. M. S. Aorangi, was accidentally kill-ed on the voyage here from Vancouver Friday afternoon, He fell on deck sustaining injuries which caused almost instant death. On the steamer's arrival here Coroner Hart was summoned, and with Dr. Fraser and the ship's surgeon the accident was investivated with the result that it was found to be purely accidental. The remains were then removed to W. J. Hanna's undertaking parlors, from where the funeral will take place on Monday. Deceased was a native of Ireland.

ASSAYERS' CERTIFICATES.

ssful Candidates at the Examination ast Closed at the Department of Mines.

During the week examinations have been progress at the department of mines examination of candidates for as the examination of candidates for assayers' certificates.

The examinations are held twice a year. One of these is held in the Kootenays and the other in Victoria. The examiners in this instance were W. F. Robertson, provincial mineralogist; H. Carmichael, provincial assayer; and Thos. Kiddle, manager of the Tyee smelter at Ladysmith.

The successful candidates at the examination which has just closed were: A. C. Baike, Rossland; J. G. Lang, Mount Sicker; and H. A. Turner, Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dcc. 13.-Word has reached here of a destructive fire in Atlin. The Vancouver and several other buildings were burned. The loss is \$20,000.

RESOLUTIONS PA BY BOAL

The Government Will vide New Offices Genera

The business befor trade Friday afterno cussion of the Grand ental project and th office in London, Eng The former was in Lugrin who proposed dealing with the subje follows:

That this board has h That this board has hof the intention of the its system to the Pad-commends it to the favo of the government and ada, and the government British Columbia.

That the board deen have a committee app prepare data showing to geographical advantages and, the same to be regrand Trunk railway of

In supporting the i ferred to the importa taking which was the history of Canada sing the C. P. R.
By the use of a map of Canada, which was the speaker demonstra

of the project, drawing

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the Northwest and the States. Port Vermellie A grist mill had been for seven years, and there had not been a the wheat crop. Betw extremes of that district ary line between Canad States there were abou of latitude. Taking t boundary line it was States was confined to therefore, just as wide cultural purposes as th In this connection it w law of botany that p greatest degree of po brought to perfection, creased period of sur there enjoyed. This y in the highest awards ing 'given wheat from valley at the World's delphia. Canadians rest assured that the agriculture in Canada's the equal of those of th The northern portion Northwest were as mi parts of the United Stat south. The reasons for in the altitude of the n than that of the south, t eral slope towards the n of such'a difference in most marked. The rive great avenues for the w which also affected them Bell was authority for that the northern parts tween Lake Superior a

was well suited for agric The importance of the way was that it would adian line. Its eastern probably be on some po Chaleurs. There were bors there, and possi bor might be selected. is was, of course, p He had outlined in an cessity for an investiga means of access to Po His second resolution

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Grand Trunk Company of Vancouver Island, wh been given any considerat In their courses acro Ocean vessels went nor was done for a double flecting their course in th shortened the distance continents. They also ga of the currents. Vessels America by turning no enabled to take advantag current. On the contrary

trip they caught the Paci as they neared America He thought this railw should be heartily endor Columbians. This did no the railway company all These lines would cost The Dominion government have to assist in money or should be done, provided upon favorable condition ern grain lands of Cana same latitude as German

It was time to do what attract the attention of the panies to this Island. He assistance which he could tee having this matter in F. S. Barnard asked if lution had been passed the Canadian Northern. mistake to specify one rai C. H. Lugrin said he ha to discriminate in favor Trunk. Had he thought a question of antagonism e introduced the mot J. A. Mara said it would stroy its usefulness. He

F. S. Barnard, in explai he believed there would 1 tween the two great corps were proposing to build lin continent. If a resolution dorsing the Canadian North favor these resolutions. might work an injury. danger of political constru

upon it. He suggested alte