DEATH ROLL HAS BEEN INCREASED

FORTY-NINE DEAD AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION

Almost Every Hour Adds to the Number of Victins of Disaster on

San Diego, Cal., July 22.-The appalling list of victims of yesterday's expicsion aboard the then United States gurboat Bennington grew through the right, almost every hour adding to the long list of dead.

fleeded boiler room, and which cannot the British navy and Admiralty.

'yet be reached. Besides these there are missing about twenty or twenty five men, and about hity injured are scattered among the various city and private and public hos-

According to a statement compiled at er early hour this morning about twentyfive are missing. Of the injured several are expected to die, and it is believed the death roll will be swelled greatly, and perhaps will exceed this number.

But in the confusion that followed the were received at the navy department disaster and rescue come thrilling stories at 11.15 o'clock to-night in a long telemanding; the cruiser Marblehead and the of heroism and self-sacrifice. The bravery of the crew was commented on by It appears from the telegraph of the crew was commented on by ery of the crew was commented on by all who had good opportunity to witness the scenes. Men who were badly injured and scalded worked to aid those who were worse off than themselves, and all the special instances of heroism of the disaster will probably never be of the disaster will probably never be fully written. The self-sacrificing efforts laborers from shore, and am making the part of the physicians and the every effort to stop the leaks and to rehe made useful at the hospitals was put is at the bottom below pipe and leak unat work, and those who could not were der rudder-head. asked to return and relieve those who were accepted.

sion of the boiler "D" on the port side, and air, and in my opinion many of these that boiler "B," while not exploding, had been damaged, allowing the steam to missing that cannot be accounted for.

W. G. Chambers, John McKeown for them. and O. J. Ezell.

Sent Assistance. Calla, commandant at the navy yard at row afternoon. Capt. Scott and officers mare Island, upon hearing of the blowing of the Bennington's boilers, dispatched and he will furnish firing squad to-mor-Capt. F. J. Drake, Surgeon Smith and row. I have engaged an Episcopal minthree men of the hospital corps to the scene laster and Catholic priest to read service of the disaster, and dispatched the tug For- over the dead." tune from Port Harford to San Diego to assist in the recovery of the bodies. Funeral on Sunday.

Washington, July 22.-Commander Lucien telegram to the navy department: "Arrangements are being made to bury the dead at Fort Rosecrans on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Several bodies are pump it out so as to assist in their recovery. I am also cutting away the steel bulkheads in order to get at them. I expect several men to die during the night. Will wire department in the morning.

"Everything that is possible to be done is being done for the living and the dead. Only ablento identify one man on board so far. He is R. R. Carr, apprentice seaman."

San Diego, Cal., July 22.-The Ben rington horror, has not been exaggerated, and instead of lessening the extent of the catastrophe, later and completer details have added to it. The death list may be swelled to four score.

These figures are made up of the known dead, the probable victims among the injured now in the various hospitals and the total number missing, and is marized as follows:

Dead at morgue, 53; dead in the flooded fire room, 7; injured who may die, 6; missing, 15. Total, 81.

The probable deaths of injured men is based upon the opinion of Dr. M. H. Fister, of the United States marine hospital service, in charge of the medical staff, and the number of missing upon the statement of Commander Young. The commander believes the missing men were drowned, and that the waters the bay will give up this number of dead. Washington came information that Rear-Admiral Goodrich, command- neves.

ing the Pacific squadron, had been ordered to San Diego forthwith. Capt. F. J. Drake and Surgeon Smith, both from Mare Island navy yard, are upon the scene, the former to direct operations on the wrecked vessel, and the latter to assist in caring for the injured and di rect the burying of the dead. With Surgeon Smith came four hospital stew ards, whose assistance will be welcomed by the overworked medical corps now

in charge.

The Bennington to-night lies deeper than ever in the mud and shallow water on the shores of the bay, and no apparent progress was made in the work of pumping out her flooded compartments. Until this is accomplished the secrets of her horror chambers will not be discovered. This much is known, however: Seven bodies are wedged beneath collapsed crown sheets and burst-ed bulkheads of the fire room.

British Sympathy. From the British admiralty officers

lows: London, July 22nd. 1905. Forty-nine known dead is the latest To Vice-Consul C. B. Allen, San Diego: summary compiled at 9 o'clock this norning. This includes forty-two bodies be sent on the occasion of the funeral of nothing. This includes the series of the accident to the U.S. hodies which are floated about in the ship Bennington, with sincere sympathy of

> Chief Engineer Lieut. Wade, of the Bennington, does not believe that great damage has been done the hull of the Bennington. "The water came in very gradually,"

said he, "and for that reason I do not think that extensive damage has been done the section of the hull now below the water line." At 7 o'clock to-night news came from

scores of nurses were also commented on cover the dead still under the wreckage with praise for all. Everyone who could and boilers. I believe the principal leak

"Many seams shaken loose and leaking. Ship at high tide is filled with 86. water two feet above main deck on F

Refuses to Talk.

San Diego, Cal., July 22.—An examination lower side. Another engine was employed last night to pump out water, but as unsuccessful. I am now rigging big on the color of ash. The escaping steam, carried by colored mud, which was smeared all over it, even the sides of the vessel.

There were broken gangways and displaced machinery of a minor character, but of serious damage to the main deck was visible. It was as all below, but just how serious will be fully defined after a thorough its bulkhead, and both serious will be fully defined after a thorough its bulkhead, and both of such as and the revent of the color of such an uncertainty of the responsibility. The serious damage to the main deck was visible. It was as all below, but just how serious will be fully defined after a thorough its bulkhead, and both of such as and the proposed and from the question of the United States gunboat Bennington added were buried today in a common grave in the little cemetry on the crest of the promontory of Loma Bennington's dead were buried today in a common grave in the little cemetry on the crest of the promontory of Loma Bennington is dead were buried today in a common grave in the little cemetry on the crest of the promontory of Loma Bennington is dead were buried today in a common grave in the little cemetry on the crest of the promontory of Loma Bennington is dead were buried today in a common grave in the little cemetry on the crest of the promontory of Loma Bennington in the tree of the promontory of Loma Bennington is dead were buried today in a common grave in the little cemetry on the crest of the promontory of Loma Bennington in the tree of the promontory of Loma Bennington in the tree control and of the promontory of the clief means by which, Japan and the nation of which, before on the full as a common grave in the little cemetry on the crest of the promontory of Loma Bennington in the tree of the promontory of Loma Bennington in the tree of the promontory of Loma Bennington in the tree of the pr

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"Men quartered at San Diego bar-The following is a revised list of the dead: racks, where they are very comfortable, Ensign N. K. Perry, F. W. Brown, J. New-combe, B. A. Hughes, A. B. Ensel, A. Kamera, W. Cherry, G. Russing, A. H. around in the three hospitals and those Scrugge, R. Haggbloom, W. R. B. Carr, H. but slightly wounded in private resi-A. Sanders, E. Dresch, J. L. Burns, M. G. dences. Dr. Foster, marine hospital ser-Quinn, C. J. Kuntz, J. Hillscher, B. Brown- vice, has charge of a force of efficient tee, F. M. Gelss, Preston Carpenter, doctors who are doing all in their power doctors who are doing all in their power for wounded. Dr. Kneedlier, army resident physician, has a few at San Diego son, C. F. Nelson, E. B. Ferguson, L. B. barracks, and is doing all in his power

"I have made arrangements for burial of dead with military honors in the mili-San Francisco, July 22.—Rear-Admiral Mc- tary cemetery at Fort Rosecrans to-mor-

Experts' Opinion.

Washington, July 22.—Rear-Admiral C. W. Rae, chief engineer officer of the Washington, July 22.—Commander Lucien
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Diego, Cal., last night sent the following that there was nothing in the reports to the bureau to show that the boilers were in an unsafe condition. He said

pinned under the boilers, covered with water. I have engaged a fire engine to Bennington in the light of the dispatches giving an account of the disaster, I cannot conceive how the collapse of a crown sheet could damage the ship to the extent stated or have blown people over-

board from the deck. "If there were high explosives in the shell room just forward from the pump room and forward fire room, and they were exploded by the conclusion, that

would account for the damage done.' Contradiction by Officer. San Diego, Cal., July 22.-The Asso ciated Press dispatch from Washington,

Jook's Cotton Root Compound. Is the only safe, reliable regulator on which woman can depend "in the hour and time of need."

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quoting Rear-Admiral C. W. Rae, chief engineer of the navy, who said that he "can only account for the damage to the Bennington by the explosion of high explosives," was shown to Commander Luport of the Irish land commission than

age was caused by the boilers.' ers, captain?" was asked.

"So far as I knew they were in firstclass condition. They had been recently tested to 225 pounds pressure. At the

"I cannot answer as to the exact date, but it was within the past few months." Admiral Leaves.

Bellingham, July 22 .- Admiral Goodrich received the first news of he Ben-ricgton disaster at this port, and imthe Bennington that rapid progress was Of the missing it is probable that some will turn up, and it is believed the sea will give up several dead.

Every effort is, bent toward reaching the dead in the hulk. A fire engine will turning the night and morning hours rose still higher in the engine and boiler rooms.

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> three days and four nights from Sitka.
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> The cruiser Boston sailed into the haror at 6.30 this evening, and dropped nchor near the cruiser Marblehead. have just returned from a cruise in northern waters, visiting the principal ports en route.

torpedo boat destroyer Perry dropped anchor in the bay at 8.30 this morning,

San Diego, Cala., July 23.—The total mands.

TO REMOVE ROCK.

Four Thousand Five Hurdred Tons of Dynamite Will Be Exploded in Picatique River.

Portsmouth, N. H., July 22.—Hundreds of visitors came here to-day to witness with the people of this city and its vicinity, the culmination of an engineering project, which has been under the past through the project, which has been under the past through the p way for the past three years, and which has attracted the attention of experts both in this country and abroad. It was the removal of Henderson's point, ledge of some three acres in extent from the Picatiqua river bed by exploding simultaneously about 400 charges of lynamite, aggregating about 4,500 tons,

the rock beneath the water. The hour scheduled for the discharge of the dynamite was 4 p. m. It was arranged that by the moving of a switch at a safe distance a spark could be sent in contact with the dynamite. The exrlosion resulting was expected to shatter the mass of rock, and thereby widen and deepen the waterway leading to the big drydock recently completed by the govnment at the United States navy yard

Seaveys Island. Miss Ethel Foster, daughter of A. C. Foster, superintendent of the firm which has done the work, is to operate the switch, and Governor McLean of New Hampshire, Rear-Admiral Mead, com-riandant of the Portsmouth navy yard and others had received invitations to be

cresent. The contract price of the undertaking is \$749,000. The expense was covered y a government appropriation in ection with the bill authorizing the conruction of the big drydock at the navy ard. It is understood that the charge of 1,500 tons of dynamite is the largest ever exploded at a time in this country.

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE.

oung Rancher Shoots Himself During Progress of a Dance.

A dispatch from Ashcroft, B. C., says News has just reached here from Dog creek, 40 miles north, of a sensational icide. Frank Gaspard, a young ranch 25 years of age, of that place, had a rty at his home. Everyone was enjoy-themselves in dancing when suddenly, owards the close of the party, he left he house, and, procuring a rifle, shot imself through the brain on the door-tep, death being instant. The cause of act, it is understood, was a rivalry etween Jaspard and another young man ver a young lady; on being refused the ast dance of the evening, Gaspard sudenly committed the crime while that

final dance was in progress. In Brazil the black bean is as important an article of food as the potato is here. 'ary grease paint.

This Fall.

London, July 22.—The dispatches of the Associated Press indicating that the British cabinet decided at yesterday's meeting not to resign, are definite-y confirmed. The advisability of an autumn dissolution is still under conideration by the cabinet. It seems that he majority of the ministers are opposed o it, especially now that the chief government whip has received assurances that there will be no further slackness that there will be no further slackness in attendance by the absentees, who were sponsible for Thursday's defeat of the

The crisis has assumed a serious as-"That is entirely wrong," replied Commander Young. "There were no high explosives in the part of the shin when the part of explosives in the part of the ship where the explosion occurred, and I am positive that it will be found that all and the strongest possible whip contains the particular night, allowed themselves to "What was the condition of the boil- be lulled into a false confidence by the ruse of the Liberals and Nationalists in keeping their men in the background until the critical moment arrived. That this was allowed to happen immediately time of the explosion we carried but 120 pounds."

"When were the boilers last inspected?"

time of the explosion we carried but 120 after Mr. Balfour had called a meeting of his party to impress upon his supporters the need of their absolute loyalty seems to convince Mr. Balfour of the use lessness of attempting to face another session of parliament, but as the holding of elections in August on account of the harvest and for other reasons, would be most inconvenient to the coutnry, he decided to wait until autumn before dissolving parliament.

Premier Balfour's audience with King

Paris, July 22.-The Russian peace plenipotentiary had a two hours' talk with Premier Rouvier to-day and was received in audience by president Lou-bet at the Elysee palace. No authoritative statement was given out concerning the meeting. One report is that M.

ough examination is made. This cannot be made until the water has been pumped out and the vessel righted.

Commander Young declined to make any official statement for publication. He said, however, to a reporter to-day that he believes the disaster was caused by the explosion.

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"Russia is able too secure all the French money she wants to make peace, but not a centime to make war."

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Who will a sheet of water to make war." here, one of whom remarked: After his conference with M. Rouvier and his visit to M. Loubet, M. Witte passed the rest of the afternoon in urning the visits of personal friends.

WILL NOT RESIGN. remier Balfour Claims Precedent for

His Decision Not to Dissolve Parliament. (Associated Press.)

London, July 24.—The government has intention of resigning in consequece statement in the House of Commons this afternoon. Although it had been generally recognized that such would be the decision of the premier, there was feverish eagerness on all sides to hear the exact terms of his statement. The use was literally packed.

Mr. Balfour, who was heartily cheerl by his supporters on rising, somewhat ned the patience of his hearers by a ong discussion on how former adm rations had ignored defeats similar to hat of Thursday. " He declared that ch incidents had never been regarded s-ground for resignation or dissolution rd announced that the government did ot propose either to resign or dissollve arliament because of Thursday's ocurrence.

TRIUMPHAL PROGRESS.

Baron Komura Well Received By His Countrymen on Way East.

St. Paul, July 22.-The journey of

Baron Komura and the other Japanese peace commissioners castward from Se attle has been somewhat in the nature of a triumphal progress. At almost every station throughout Montana hundreds of Japanese, of whom great numbers are employed by the Great Northern railway, have welcomed them with hearty "Banzals," with the waving of Japanese and American flags, and at-Whitefish last night with an elaborate display of fireworks, Baron Komura has enjoyed his trip exceedingly, the somewhat trying heat of yesterday having given way to perfect weather.

At Malta, a little crowd of Japanese workmen greeted the commissioners by waving an immense national flag, which they had made from white cotton cloth, the emblem being painted with sanguin-

emier Balfour Will Likely Delay the Elections Until After Harvest MEETS WITH CZAR

CROWNED HEADS IN

cuss the Question of Peace With Japan.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, July 24.-The Czar eft Peterhof to-day on board the imperial yacht Polar Star for a conference with Emperor William, who is cruising on the Hohenzollern in Finnish waters. The first meeting is expected to take

Meeting of Emperors. Berlin, July 24.-The foreign office ere is advised that a meeting between Emperor William and Emperor Nicholas

ook place early to-day off the Swedish cast, near the island of Bjoerkoe. Emperor Nicholas wrote to Emperor Villiam several days ago that if during the latter's yachting in the Baltic,, he should approach the Russian shore he (Emperor Nicholas) would be pleased to meet him. The German Emperor replied that he would be glad to cruise to any convenient point and the island of Bjerkoe was suggested. It was under-stood that the conversation was to be thick and escaped through a window. entirely personal and intimate and there-fore, no minister from either government was present, although the Russian min-ister of marine is in Emperor Nicholas' suit. The meeting is a sequel to the correspondence that has been going on between the emperors concerning peace, in which Emperor William urged Emperor Nicholas to take steps towards peace. Emperor William was then cooperating with President Roosevelt seeking to bring the belligerents to a iscussion of the terms of peace and nchor near the cruiser Marblehead. ing the meeting. One report is that M. the present meeting, the Associated Press
These vessels of the Pacific squadron Rouvier and M. Witter went over the is authoritatively informed, Emperor

San Diego, Cala., July 23.—The total number of dead from the explosion on the gunboat Bennington has now reached 58. Fifteen men are missing. The total number of dead is expected to reach 86.

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It is the accepted view that M. Witte is favorable to a Russo-Japanese understanding by which lasting peace in the Far East would be secured. The prospect of this understanding are regarded as one of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severgand of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severgand of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severgand of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severgand of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severgand of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severgand of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severgand of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severgand of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severgand of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severgand of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severgand of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severgand of the Associated Press is officially informed, prepared to say if he were ask of the severgand of the were ask of the were a

NAMED FOR PROVINCE

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Ottawa July 24 -The fishery commis ion for British Columbia was appointed at Saturday's meeting of the council. It where it originated. Suddenly the oil can Fisheries handles from 150,000 to 175, one fisheries, chairman; Campus an upheaval, bubbled and lifted a great mass of the fluid from the tank capacity, 40,000 fish for a single day's operamissioner of fisheries, chairman; Campbell Sweeney, Vancouver; J. C. Brown, New Westminster; Richard Hall, Victoria: Rev. Mr. Taylor, Wellington, and Provincial Fishery Inspector Babcock. The commission will complete its labors

ommerce that dealers in salmon in Britain are using false labels to the injury of the British Columbia salmon. Labels of canned British Columbia salnon are used on Alaska inferior fish. This is gone into rather extensively. Edmonton Trail.

There will be no patrol steamer in the Arctic circle next winter. The Neptune which leaves shortly to meet the Arctic to go to Halifax and get new powerful es in her hull to cope with the ic of the Arctic, will leave next summer for veral years' stay in the far north. The police patrol which is making it e a trail all the way between Edmonton ese vessels occupied Russinpan nd the Yukon.

EARTHQUAKE INDICATED.

eismographs Show That Violent Dis turbance Has Taken Place.

New York, July 24 .- A Vienna dis atch to the World says one of the most violent earthquakes ever known was it dicated by the seismographs of the hy Irographic instruments at Labach and Pola yesterday. Between 3.55 and 4.17 n earthquake catastrophe at a distance dor, after which a special courier left for of 3,700 miles. At 7 a.m. the instrunents were still vibrating. The distance Emperor. indicated by the seismographs would locate the earthquake in Central Asia (the the Arctic regions, or in South Africa.

RESENT FRANCE'S ACT.

Spanish Residents at Tangier Make SALMON RUN ON RESENT FRANCE'S ACT. Demonstration as a Protest.

New York, July 24.-The Spanish resients made a demonstration on Sunday against France in protest, cables a Herald correspondent at Tangier, Morocco, against the sanitary measures ordered by French medical officers, inspection CONFERENCE TO-DAY of the ships and ports. A serious dispute between the French and Spanish legations is expected over the affair.

FEARED OUTBREAK.

Ayres to Quell Any Revolution-ary Movement.

New York, July 24.-Rumors are be ing circulated about a threatened revolu-tionary outbreak at Buenos Ayres and Rosario, says a Herald dispatch from Through the return of the steamer Ven-former city. Upon warning received from ture from the Northern B. C. coast ports Rosario by the minister of war, troops were held in readiness throughout Saturday night and other precautionary measures adopted, but no untoward inrident occurred and it is believed the catches could not be obtained, but officers promoters of the movement have weaken of the ship report that a half pack at promoters of the movement have Rivers Inlet had already been put up. On weakened.

PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Military Convicts of Fort Wright Broke Bars of Guard House.

Spokane, July 24 .- Five military conicts have escaped from the guard house t Fort Wright. All of them were men cent into the fort to serve sentences for desertion from other army posts.

The outbreak was one of the most daring ever attempted at Fort Wright. With the whole post out of doors enjoying the cool evening air and from six to ten guards in adjoining room, the five desperate men sawed their way through two iron bars three-quartres of an inch

RICHARDSON LEADS IN CANADIAN TEAM

Victorian Makes the Largest Aggregate in the Winnings at Bisley Rifle Matches.

Bisley, July 24.-Richardson leads the prospective peace negotiations, dwelling particularly on the influence France could exert on Great Britain to induce the latter to moderate the Japanese deas a development of the correspondence £20 7s. In the volunteer aggregate

OIL TANKS ON FIRE.

Terrific Conflagration Raging Over a Wide Petroleum Area in Texas State.

The German emperor is most reluctant to have either the Russians or others think that he is volunteering suggestions regarding the internal affairs to Russia. He is not doing so but will of Russia. He is not doing so but will of Russia. He is not doing so but will of Russia. He is not doing so but will of Russia the internal affairs company boiled and bubbled under the great heat of burning oil to-day. When the fire can be extinguished is problematic, certainly not until it has burned all the oil in the eleven big tanks which held 2,500,000 barrels, when the lightness to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the Sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sockeye salmon pack of the sound canneries to date," said Frank Wright, of the sound canneries to date, "said Frank Wright, of the sound canner to such said with will mean the failure of a majority of the packing companies engaged in the business. According to all the will mean the failure of a majority of the packing companies engaged in the business. According to all the will mean the failure of a major Nicholas' statement of facts and from ning struck them Sunday afternoon. It them that are unknown to the Russian is now known that five negroes perished. the Carlisle Packing Company, one of the There are hundreds of homeless people, best known cannerymen on the Sound, "ismany of them only awaiting a chance less than one-third of the pack for the same to go to Houston for shelter. They were living in tents and shacks in the oil possible that the canneries will now be ablefields and fled for their lives to the town. | to secure sufficient fish to pack to capacity. Their belongings have been destroyed The season is so far advanced that the fish. by fire which runs out toward the oil will all come in one spurt, and the run will field, although it has not yet been com- be over in ten days if the season is not an.

coated with a thick film of oil. Shortly after the big tank, which was struck by lightning, began to blaze, 200 the Sound and the immense expense that isworkmen with 75 mules were hurried to the scene to throw up earthen embank-canneries. When it is taken into consideraments to confine the fire to the tank tion that the cannery of the Pacific Ameriand the fire was communicated to three tion dwindles somewhat in size. When it other tanks. The burning oil caught the men and mules and hemmed them in. company is receiving considerably more than There was a wild scramble for safety, half of the fish that are being taken in the men dropping their scrapers and reins waters of the Sound at the present time, of Thursday's adverse vote. This was the gist of Premier Balfour's aticipated statement in the House of Commons ings for a time.

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"Another alarming feature of the condi-

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> Early this morning fire broke out in the steel tanks of the Texas Company grounds on the Fraser and strike the trapsat the pumping station a mile from the of the Sound while making for the river. original fire. What damage was done Some seasons the fish lave been known to cannot be ascertained yet, it being impossible to reach that part of the field. days before heading in for the spawning

JAPANESE STILL ACTIVE.

Reported That Their Vessels Ran Inside Possiet Bay.

London, July 23 .- The correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph at Tokio way to the Yukon from Edmonton, has forwards a dispatch from Moji, Japan got beyond St. John and will make Fort telling of a daring reconnaisance of a Graham this winter. Next summer it Japanese squadron in Possiet Bay on will reach Teslin lake, so that there will July 14th. Three days later the Japan-Ungeni Bay. Some of the vessels, correspondent says, ran right inside Pos-

> IMPORTANT CONFERENCE. Special Courier Sent to St. Petersburg After Meeting of M. Witte and

Premier Rouvier. Paris, July 23 .- On Saturday M. Witte, the Russian peace plenipotentiary, had an interview with Premier Rouvier m. the instruments showed extraor- and to-day he had a long conversation dinary movements in waves signifying with M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassa-£9.

The French government employs 17,148 people in its state tobacco factories. nost probable point) in mid-Atlantic or people in its state tobacco factories. The practically no change in this ratio for thirty great majority are women.

St. Petersburg, having dispatches for the

NORTHERN COAST

HALF PACK REPORTED FROM RIVERS INLET

Troops Held in Readiness at Buenos Fish Are Scarcer in Straits, On the Fraser and Puget Sound

> on Sunday the success of the salmon fishing and canning operations in that part of the province was learned. The individual the day that the Venture was on the Inlet the Rivers filet cannery had 30,000 salmon on hand, this being the result of one day's fishing, the Wadham cannery had 29,000 rought in the same day, and the Good Hope and other canneries had also done well These catches indicate the plentiful man ner in which fish had been running on the Inlet. The run had been much larger that it had been elsewhere on the Northern coast. At Bella Coola the fish were running well, on the Skeena there had been a steady run, but on the Naas the run had not commenced in earnest. The salmon were considered late in arriving there, but ers of the Venture. In the Strai's trai operators have not been experiencing good luck during the last few days. The Capital City Canning & Packing Company are making a lift, and a steamer is expected in this evening with the haul made Kildonan was in on Saturday with 760 spring salmon from the Findlay, Durham & Brodie trap. This consignment, with 400-sockeye taken at the same time, represent the amount of the last catch taken at the trap mentioned. In the Todd & Munsie cannery 3,000 fish were taken on Sunday and 4,000 to-day. These catches are somewhat disappointing to the owners for they are not loking for more than another 15-day run of the fish, and consider that if the salmon were running well the catches should be fifteen or twenty thousand. Of course it is impossible to say how long the run may last, for it might be that therewill be a late run of fish. Advices from the Fraser and from the Sound to-day state that on those waters as well there was a scarcity of fish. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer contains a rather gloomy forecast of

the season's fish business. It is now generally conceded by the can-nerymen of Puget Sound that the sockeyesalmon pack for the season of 1905 will fall considerably short of the estimate made by the different concerns when the prepara-tions for the season were under way and the labor contracts made. It is now be-lieved that the total pack will not exceed one-half of the capacity of the combined canneries. Some cannerymen are even pre-

This may sound big to anyone not underwere burned to death. Five negroes "Another alarming feature of the condiwere seen to go down, and it is not believed they could have escaped. While
all of the men have not been accounted in the Straits or out in the ocean. As a for, these five are all that are known to general rule the fish will enter the Straits-have perished.

> reports the canneries were swamped with more fish than they could possibly handle.

grounds. Four years ago ships coming in from the ocean reported passing through

schools of salmon fifty miles long, and with-

in ten days from the time of receiving these

SCORES OF CANADIANS. In the Final Stage of the King's Prize at Bisley.

(Special to the Times.) Bisley, July 22.-In the final stage of the King's prize at 800 yards, Crowe, Guelph, made 36; Richardson, Victoria, 41; Morrice, Montreal, 40; at 900 yards Crowe made 40, Richardson 38 and Morrice 42; and at 1,000 yards Crowe made 37, Morrice 19, Richardson 40. The total scores were: Crowe, 298; Morrice, 287; Richardson, 307. The winner of the King's prize made 315. In the second stage of the St. George's Richardson made 66, as follows: 5, 4, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, and won

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