Skeena river and

FORTY-SECOND YEAR.

THE VICTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1899.

foundry were soon in flames and rning flercely. The blaze in the chine shop started at 6:30 o'clock, and

at 8:10 the building was a total loss.

A portion of the building was occupie

HOPE FOR BULGARIA.

Only One of Eleven Compartments

Filled-Sighted by Still Another

one of her compartments was partly filled, which, considering that she had

eleven watertight compartments, could not indicate that she was in immediate

The British steamer Kooridstan, Capt

nalled that she spoke the disabled Bulgaria in longitude 44 west. She did not

mention when the steamer was signalled

Mr. Maxwell Brings Good News for

the Canners - The Obnoxious

Regulations Suspended.

Explosion at Brunette Sawmills-

tyclists Asks Sid-walk Privil-

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single exception of the number of li-

Tea from the Orient, formerly sent t

Frank S. Taggart of this city has en-

The Brunette saw mill and sash and

the mill proper, connecting with the sta-

tionary engine, exploded and flung heavy

plosion hurled a piece of iron through a brick wall covering the boiler, and

The Bank of Hamilton has opened its

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. Maxwell say

Simpson, passed Cowes to-day and

Steamer.

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Eastern Extension Company Have Rights That Will Embarrass the Amei Froject.

New York Promoter Who Believes It Would Fare Best in His

By Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 16 .- James A Scrymion of an American trans-Pacific cable. back. The Californians again advanced ain. He says the natives throughout Eastern Cable Co., an English coras a monopoly, so far as telegraph in the Pasig is clearing the jungle. cables are concerned, of the entire Paific coast and Pacific islands now owned by Spain or formerly under the jurliction of that country, until the year 1940. He was of the opinion that no American cable company or the United rights in the Ladrones, Philippines, Hongkong or at any point on the Asiatic

Paranaque, and exchanged volleys with the Eastern Telegraph Company.

With reference to the action of the secretary of state in disapproving on December 29th last the rights granted prior to annexation by the Hawaiian to the Pacific Cable Company.

Paranaque, and exchanged volleys with the rebels. Trooper Wilmer, of K troop, was wounded in the right arm.

The United States armed transport Buffalo last night fired four small shells at the enemy, having discovered by the use of her searchlight that the rebels were mounting a battery near Parana. government to the Pacific Cable Comny which authorized the company to cables from Honolulu eastward, Mr. outstanding rights founded on reciprocthat the Eastern Telegraph Company does not want any Pacific cable established and it will not consent to any impairment of its right unless fully compensated in a manner that will safeguard its Company is strongly of the opinion that if it can secure the necessary concessions from the United States government it can induce the Eastern Telegraph company to consider a fair business pro position, especially when the British

mpany sees that it will be to its future Mr. Scrymser was of the opinion that should the United States undertake to establish a government cable, serious in ternational complications would arise. It Australia would permit the United States to operate a cable within its jurisdiction. The great tost to the government of the construction and operation of such a cable, he said, would make

political situation in the East said Mr. Scrymser, is exceedingly pre-carious. No one knows what may happen there at any time. Connection with the Philippines may be cut off without notice at any time. The Japanese reatoo, that a war between China and a would isolate them from the rest of the world and they are anxious that the United States government should act

WASHINGTON NEGOTIATIONS. London Opinion That They Are Better

that the deliberations at Washington reached a highly critical stage or even that there is talk of danger that they will be broken off for a time, and says:

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"We wish for the friendship of the ments could be made by which a larger of the same area." "We wish for the friendship of the United States, but we cannot have it the price of the sacrifice of the interests of Canada. The Government sums up its received.

Index of the friendship of the ments could be made by which a larger said to have voluntarily returned to there is upply of food from the colonies might be bondage. The Government sums up its received. Canada. The experience of over a century has taught us that surrender and

wednesday's sessions.

Wednesday's sessions.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Two sessions of to prevent the transhipment of grain in washington, reb. 13.—1wo sessions of the joint high commission were held to-day, and between times the American of war, it would arouse the hostility of commissioners held a secret conference of two hours' duration. Following the united States and possibly of others.

As from 50 to 60 per cent. of the grain exports of the United States entered Lord Herschell and Senator Fairbanks, Great Britain it was not to be suppose refused to give for publication any statements that might throw light on the proceedings. Each was asked if it were true, as set forth in the morning papers, that an ultimatum regarding the matter of the Canadian-Alaskan boundary, had been presented, and each at least technically denied that the ultimater of the Canadian-Alaskan boundary, had been presented, and each at least technically denied that the ultimater of the Canadian-Alaskan boundary, had been presented, and each at least technically denied that the ultimater of the Canadian-Alaskan boundary, had been presented, and each at least technically denied that the ultimater of the Canadian-Alaskan boundary, had been presented, and each at least technically denied that the ultimater of the Canadian-Alaskan boundary, had been presented, and each at least technically denied that the ultimater of the Canadian-Alaskan boundary, had been presented, and each at least technically denied that the ultimater of the Canadian-Alaskan boundary, had been presented, and each at least technically denied that the ultimater of the canadian alaskan boundary is a superior of the canadian alaskan boundar tum had been delivered. There is, however, good reason to believe it was sent consideration at the secret conference. ment of a system of national marine in-The first joint meeting was held at 11 surance or national granaries, saying

mentioned now. We continue our meetings to-morrow. More than this I can-eventually negatives without division. The British would be satisfied with a so that British ships from American ports

negotiations, and a failure of the results

could carry passengers and merchandise to that port, and in addition bond goods Altogether the outlook is most gloomy from the fact that the treaty to be rati-fied by the senate could contain no such answer. As a matter of fact, the Sulprovision, and should the concession be tan of Oman allowed France to estabin the nature of a loosening of our grasp would be just as pronounced and certain. A Western congressman said to-night: "Kasson, on behalf of the President, further boundary dispute to be postponed. His proposition was refused tonight. A meeting for to-morrow has been called to present an ultimatum to the United d. His proposition was refused tonight.

A meeting for to-morrow has been called to present an ultimatum to the United States; if not accepted, to dissolve and return to Ottawa refusing any negotiations on any subject. Faulkner and Sir tions on any subject. Faulkner and Sir tions on any subject. Faulkner and Sir Louis H. Davies admit that there is

very little prospect of avoiding a sudden termination to-morrow. In that event England is to demand our submission of the border question to a neutral government. The fact has leaked out that the London foreign office insists on Lynn Canal and Skagway as a defensive point. The President refused to name the successor to Foster, because of the critical condition of negotiations."

SKIRMISHING AT MANILA. Filipinos Still Harassing the American But Reported to Be in Straits.

Manila, Feb. 16 .- The four companie of volunteers which have been clearing the country in the vicinity of Patros, 10 ser, president of the Pacific Cable Co. of miles southeast of Manila, when retiring N York, returned to this city to-day to-day were followed by the enemy. On the Far East, where he has been in- Americans made a stand near the church-

n an interview Mr. Scrymser said that and are now occupying the same ridge, commanding the valley of the river, poration, by reason of vested interest which they held yesterday. A gunboat Since the American line reached the

natural defences of Manila, no further advance has been made. The American troops are now in camp along the line, and in many places they are temporarily entrenched. Occasional brushes take place between small bodies of the enemy States government could obtain landing and American scouting parties. Troop K and I of the Fourth cavalry encoun ered the enemy's scouts yesterday near

were mounting a battery near Paran-aque. The rebels did not reply, but aque. The rebels did not reply withdrew their guns to Paranaque. erymser said it would have afforded working basis for an adjustment for have arrived here from Iloilo. They did not bring any later news, except the American authorities are clearing vessels from there, showing that they have assumed control of the port. An unconfirmed rumor is that the Filipinos are in sore straits in the inter-

ior, and are now quarrelling among themselves. A large body of the enemy, presum ably reconnoitering, was discovered or the right of Brigadier-General King's position near San Pedro and Macati this morning. The entire brigade turned out, and after an exchange of volleys the rebels retreated into the jungle and dis-

British Government Under No Apprehension That It Could Be Cut Off.

United States Too Deeply Inter ested for Other Nations to Provoke Her Hostility.

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 16-The president of the board of trade, Mr. C. T. Ritchie, speaking in the House of Commons to-day on

the range of practical politics. Mr. Ritchie then dwelt upon the practical that the Americans had it under difficulties in the way of the establish-I lasted but five minutes, the that if the navy was kept sufficiently withdrawing after laving the strong to protect the trade routes and Canadians withdrawing after laying the boundary matter before the joint body. there was not the least danger of starv-ation, though possibly there might be

temporary high prices.
Mr. Seton-Karr's amendment was

Replying to a question on the subject, joint customs house at Skagway or Dyea Mr. Broderick, under secretary of state with an amendment of navigation laws for foreign affairs, said that so far as Her Majesty's government knew, the Sultan of Oman had not ceded nor was he about to cede to France a coaling station or harbor on the coast of Oman. official circles, here shows that the under secretary appears month ago, although perhaps there has been no lease and no cession of terri-tory. The officials here also say the work "ultimatum" in the despatch from

Natives Willing to Become Subjects of the Queen-American Residents Willing.

Kingsbip Must Be Abolished to Se "ce-Salaries Would este Chiefs.

By Associa ed Press. London, Feb. 16 .- The Melbourne cor responden of the Times says: from a trip of several months' duration reaching San Pedro and Maotai the Argus writes that the only solution estigating the possibility of constructy and the Americans were driven annexation of the islands by Great Brit

> also be desired by the British and Ameri-"Failing annexation, the complete discondent of the Argus, the abolition of o prevent constant disturba rival chiefs, he says, would be satisfied if appointed to rule their own districts

the entire group are almost unanimously

with small salaries. BOLIVIA'S RANK DISORDERS.

Neightoring Government Asked to In te fere but Holds Off for European Backing.

Lima, Peru, Feb. 16.-The Chilian newspapers urge the government to intervene in the conflict now going on in Bobetween President Alonzo and the ernment, however, will only act, it is understood, at the request of foreign na-tions and in the name of civilization. The fearful atrocities of the Indians con

SLAVERY II ZANZIBAR.

Nearly 300,000 Persons are in a State of Bondage Under the British Flag. London, February 8.-Zanzibar is

sovereignty of an Arab Sultan whom the British Government placed on the throne and the administration of the island is almost entirely in the hands of British officials. In the vast population it is estimated that some 280,000 persons are still in a state of bondage, although when Zanzibar came under British control one of the earliest judicial acts was to abolish thereoin the legal status of slavery. Recently the subject was taken up and has of late called forth some pulpit orations. The British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society and the Anti-Slavery Committee of the Society of Friends appealed to the Under Sacretary of State of the Society of State Committee of the Society of Friends appealed to the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to end the deplorable state of affairs. The officials of the Government reply that if they forced the starvation would result and the industries of the island would be ruined. There be limited to ten. slaves to be free untold destitution and no analogy between the inwhich has ever existed in any other part to be established at Log Cabin, which has ever existed in any other part of the world. The Zanzibar slave has a hous of his own and plot of land. He and his family are clothed; his children ett to Atlin. are educated and cared for, and the masthe amendment proposed by Mr. Henry Seton-Karr, Conservative, to the adligious belief, the slave's home life and the mass of the content of Ended Than Proceeding at Sacrifice of Canadian Interests.

Seton-Karr, Conservative, to the address in reply to the speech from the throne relative to the dependence of Great Britain on foreign imports for on the report that the work of the joint American-British-Canadian high commission may have no practical results, thinks it is not altogether a bad thing that the deliberations at Washington reached a highly critical stage or even.

Seton-Karr, Conservative, to the address in reply to the speech from the throne relative to the dependence of Great Britain on foreign imports for food supply and the danger therefrom in the event of war, said Her Majesty's government had fully inquired into the existing conditions and did not believe that the fears expressed in some quart-But if anything in the nature of pro- as follows: "Before we confer upon the tered action against the British Colum tury has taught us that surrender and backing out is not the way to win friendship or even respect."

WEDNESDAY'S SESSIONS.

But it anything in the nature of property of the filled. Mr. Ritchie added that if a foreign power attempted by the property of the transplantation of the nature of property as follows: "Before we confer upon the tered action against the British Country as follows: "Before we confer upon the tered action against the British Country as slaves of Zanzibar the sentimental boon bia Mining Record and also against the British Country as slaves of Zanzibar the sentimental boon bia Mining Record and also against the British Country as some confer upon the tered action against the British Country as some confer upon the tered action against the British Country as some confer upon the tered action against the British Country as some confer upon the tered action against the British Country as some confer upon the tered action against the British Country as some confer upon the tered action against the British Country as some confer upon the tered action against the British Country as some confer upon the tered action against the British Country as some confer upon the tered action against the British Country as some confer upon the tered action against the British Country as some confer upon the tered action against the British Country as a follows: "Before we confer upon the tered action against the British Country as a follows: "Before we confer upon the tered action against the British Country as a follows: "Before we confer upon the tered action against the British Country as a follows: "Before we confer upon the tered action against the British Country as a follows: "Before we confer upon the tered action against the British Country as a follows: "Before we confer upon the tered action against the British Country as a follows: "Before we confer upon the tered action against the sentimental boon the tered action against the sentimental boon the tered action against the sentimental boon the tered ingfi has been done in this direction. To issue. set them free without this condition would simply mean the wholesale pauper-ization of the whole population of Zanzi-ber.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST. Masonic Grand Lodge — Doukhobors iron in all directions, wrecking the engine room. One man, Jack Ross, was seriously injured by being struck with a

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—(Special) — The piece of flying metal. All the other hands working close to the building mir-Masonic grand lodge of Manitoba is in hands working close to the building session at Brandon. J. J. Roberts, of aculously escaped. The force of the Winnipeg, was elected grand patriarch Hon. Col. McMillan left for Ottawa through the boiler itself.

Rev. E. Robson delivered an unusuall Rev. E. Robson deliver

Tuesday afternoon, and will likely be gone about ten days. It is understood his trip East is in connection with the school lands fund and other matters remaining unsettled between the two govrenments.

Lieutenant-Governor Forget, of the labor in British Columbia.

Northwest Territories, returned from Ottawa, to-day.

The 195 Doukhobors located in the old Mr. Jas. Tierney is very seriously ill, Dufferin school left to-day for Yorktown, and great anxiety is felt by a large num-

Dufferin school left to-day for Yorktown, the new immigration hall there being ready for their reception.

It is likely that Magnus Smith, who won the chess championship here, will go to Montreal to play for the Dominion chess championship during Easter week.

The Flavelle and Lindsay curlers left for home to-day

The final curling games of the Winnipeg bonspiel took place to-day, when R. H. Dunbar's star rink of the Winnipeg Thistles won the Walkerville trophy, dedeputation stated that wheelmen and women would be willing to pay a small women would be willing to pay a small women would be rivingeges. or home to-day.
The final curling games of the Winnialso of the Granites, 18 to

A SWORD OF HONOR.

Presented With a Bible to Commodore of the Battleship Texas.

NAVY YARD FIRE. Figured at a Million Dollars Sus-

New York, Feb. 15.—Four alarms were turned in to-night for a fire in machine shop No. 28 in the Brooklyn navy yard. This is a three-story brick building, built in the sixties and full of old lathes and old machinery. The woodwork of the building was so saturated with oil that the flames made great headway, and the building was apparently doomed before the firemen got the streams playing on it. It is situated at the east gate of the yard. Chief Engineer Windsor's office was in the building. The only work being done there was small work for the torpedo boats.

The coppersmiths' shop, the boilermakers' shop, the carpenters' shop and makers' shop, the carpenters' shop and following:

A portion of the building was occupied as a pattern shop. In this building were others who aspire to high command in stored and kept patterns and molds of the various warships built from time to time. All were destroyed, including the ity upon the general staff, that a consideractors and models of the battleship eraches and models of the battleship that a considerable portion of the military forces of which the steamer made only sixty miles erable portion of the military forces of which the steamer made only sixty miles Maine, which was blown up in Havana harbor on February 15, 1898.

The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000. al's opinion and sentiment that all officers who now hold or aspire to hold in future responsible positions on the staff should NICARAGUA'S HOME TROUBLES. be able to convey their instructions to Republic Officially Declared in State of French-Canadian troops, in their own anguage. All officers of the staff, of the permanent corps and of the instruc London, Feb. 15.—The German consul at St. Michael's reports that the quar-termaster of the Bulgaria says that only one of her compartments was partly tional staff. (including non-commission officers) should more especially acquire a practical as well as a theoretical knowledge of the French language, and the Major General suggests that all those who are unable to read or speak French

with fair facility should take an early opportunity of making good this defect. The date for receiving subscriptions to the Gordon memorial fund has been extended to March 10. Private Hernon of the Yukon field force will be drummed out of the force after serving a month's imprisonment for stealing a barrel of whiskey.

The department orders that in severe weather every particle of oil should be removed from the lock action of the ee-Enfield rifle, as the congealing of the oil impairs the weapon.

BOUNDARY ARBITRATION.

London, Feb. 15 .- The British govern ment has appointed Baron Edward Mac-naughton, lord of appeals-in-ordinary, Major-General Sir John Chas. Ardagh, director of military intelligence, and Col. Sir Thomas Hungerford Holditch, super-intendent of frontier surveys in India, to form a tribunal to arbitrate the Argen ine-Chili frontier dispute.

EGYPTIAN TRIBUNALS. London, Feb 15,-According to the Cairo correspondent of the Daily Mail the Egyptian government has addressed circular to the powers expressing its mixed tribunals for a further term of

HUGH RYAN'S FUNERAL. Governor and Legislature Join in Last The President's Death Looked for was around

Toronto, Feb. 15.-The funeral the late Hugh Ryan took place this morning to St. Michael's Cathedral and thence to St. Michael's Cemetery. The pall-bearers were J. J. Toy, E. B. Osler, S. C. Wood, John Tong, D. R. Wilkie, Eugene O'Keefe, Col. Mason and W. S. Lee. Commander, Law Toppontal tario Government, and Speaker Evant urel the Ontario Legislature. There

MR. SIFTON'S COLONISTS. even Shiploads of Galicians and Hun garians Besides Another Thousand Douks.

The Canadian Government having intimated its willingness to receive ore of the Doukhohors and settle them in the West, a committee is preparing to dispatch another contingent of about These are now settled in Cyprus, but the climate has proved un suitable and in any event they desire to avoid dispersion into various quarters of the world. The Hamburg-American which was heard in Vancouver by some citizens. The boiler, in the lean-to of line intends to put on seven ships to ply between Hamburg and Halifax betw April and June carrying immigrants

HAMBURG LINER DISTRESSED.

any event they be permitted to ride on certain sidewalks at stated distance from the business centre of the city. The business centre of the city. The purport of the business centre of the city and the business centre of the city. The business centre of the city. The business centre of the city and the business centre of the city. The business centre of the city and the business centre of the city. The business centre of the city and which the sailed from Hemburg on the business centre of the city and the business centre of the city. The business centre of the city and the proposition of the tenth anniversary of his pastor.

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ABSOLUTELY PURE

Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The militia general orders issued this afternoon contain the following:

"The major-general commanding desires to remind officers and staff of the permanent or instructional corps and all officers."

I gale of February 3 the Pretoria bore to the southward for two days, seeking the route of eastward bound vessels. On the 4th she spoke the German steamer Gengalia from Hamburg on January 29 for Baltimore and notified her of the accident. On the 5th the Pretoria shaped her course for Bishop's Rock, 871 miles distant.

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anxiety. The sea ran very high and of as her engines had to be stopped on account of the big sea. For the remainder of her trip to Plymouth a succession of

Siege- Priest's Misbehaviour.

Managua, Feb. 15.—President Zelaya has issued a decree declaring the requblic of Nicaragua to be in a state of siege. A battle was expected to take place to-day west of Chile mountain. The president is sending troops to the front as rapidly as collected. An uprising was recently discovered at Matagalpa. It was organized by a Matagalpa. Catholic priest who has been captured and is now on his way to the pe

NANAIMO NEWS.

Death of Alberni Resident-Snow Slides at Golden Eagle-Clothes Line Thief. Nanaimo, Feb. 17 .- (Special)-The har-

bor buoys were replaced to-day after sev-eral steamers had been on the mud flats. Patrick Comerford, aged 63, of Alberni, died at Nanaimo hospital this morning. He was father of Patsy Comerford, engineer of the E. & N. railway. The Golden Eagle mine at Alberni i temporarily closed owing to snow slides. Fred Schulz, fireman of the steamer Titania, was arrested for stripping a

by his Physicians—No Public

Faure was caused by congestion and

The socialists and radicals favored M. Loubet. At a meeting of the left sena-

mously nominated. The senators con-

Later in the day it was announced that

test against him.
Although M. Loubet possessing the al

most unanimous support of the senate is so strong a favorite for the presidency,

it would be rash to predict his election. In the election of 1895, when M. Faure was chosen, M. Waldeck Rousseau was

an almost equally hot favorite, but in the first ballot he only obtained 185 votes

son. The precedents, therefore, are unfavorable to M. Loubet. Furthermore,

hemorrhage of the brain.

Disorder Feared.

clothes line of its contents and sentenced

willingness to agree to a removal of the French Senate Strongly Supports M. Loubet, while M. Meline Is Deputies' Choice.

Honors to Millionaire Contractor Lee. Commander Law represented Lieutenant-Governor Mowat. Hon. E J. Davis and Hon. W. Harty, the On-

Toronto. Feb. 15.-A special cable sider M. Loubet's election assured.

FRANCE PLANTING GUNS. To Offset the British Fortifications Entrance to Red Sea.

there is a large section of deputies who are strongly in favor of M. Meline, who London, Feb. 13.—Italy and France, says the Rome correspondent of the Daily Mall, have agreed to share possession of Cape Dumlera, on the Raheita coast, at the southern extremity of the Red Sea. It is southern extremity of the Red Sea. It is expected that France will fortify her portion of the cape. In the opinion of the correspondent the British fortifications at Irerim, in the Strait of Babel Mandeb, at the entrance of the Red Sea, opposite the Rahelta coast, will lost much of their stragetic value by this concession to the Franch. Rahelta coast, will lost much of their stra-getic value by this concession to the French first magistracy. M. Loubet's chances

With Broken Rudder Shaft She Turns

Mr. Maxwell Blamed for Inducing Ottawa Government to Grant annoying Site.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Feb. 17.—The news that a Peterboro capitalist was in Ottawa applying for the lease of Deadman's island for the purpose of erecting a saw mill thereon, first mentioned in the Colonist a couple of weeks ago, has been confirmed direct from Ottawa that an order-incouncil had been signed transferring the island to Theodore Ludgate. At the time the Colonist published the news, its Vancouver correspondent warned the civic authorities that they must act promptly if they would prevent the con templated desecration of Stanley park through the establishment on its borders of a noisy, smoky industry, and the ruination of a resort for rowing boats and canoes, by bumping logs, located or floating in the vicinity. The consensus floating in the vicinity. The consensus of opinion to-day on the street is that the interests of Vancouver have been slighted by the federal government who hould have first notified the city of Mr. Ludgate's application, and asked for the ciuncil's view in the matter. Mr. Maxwell, Vancouver's representative in par-liament, is said to have backed the application for the island, and there is strong comment on that gentleman's action in placing himself directly in opposition to

the interests of the people.

As before mentioned in the Colonist, the industry is promised to be a very large one, to employ some 800 hands, but it is an industry which would have been planted on another site if this island had not been secured. In a conversation with the Colonist correspondent on the day of his arrival here Mr. Ludgate stated that he had come to Vancouver for the purpose of establishing a large industry, but he had not then made up his mind as to what the nature of that industrials when the state of the control try would be. Subsequently on visiting Stanley park and seeing Deadman's island for the first time, Mr. Ludgate, it is said, was consumed with an ambition to secure the site for a saw mill. Being a stranger he was better able to keep his

own counsel, quietly slip off to Ottawa, and pick up the snap, before opposition erection of the mills, to say nothing of what will take place before that time, will be between the park commissioners and Mr. Ludgate regarding the tearing Paris, Feb. 17.-The official certificate to and from the mills. But those who sets forth that the death of President will register the most vigorous kick now and henceforth will be the monied citizens, who, for the purpose of securing an The lobbies of the chamber of deputies Deadman's island and the wide were crowded to-day with members en-in erecting handsome residences close to urel the Ontario Legislature. There was a very large attendance of leading citizens.

There agged in discussing the chances of the shore, in situations which will now various candidates. M. Loubet, M. Meline give them the full benefit of the piercing and M. Dupuy were chiefly mentioned. shriek of the mill whistle, the orchestra of buzz-saws and the blazing bonfires connected with the burning of the refuse. Mayor Garden expressed himself very tors M. Loubet, who is president of the senate, and a former premier, was unanitrying to secure the island (to save it from such a fate as has befallen it) the government in handing it over to a busi ness firm, without consulting Vancou-M. Meline, in spite of the objections of ver, has treated the city his supporters, had withdrawn his canthe people of Vancouver. A petition is being circulated in the city and largely being circulated in the city and largely courtesy. This is the general opinion of M. Dupuy has declined to enter the con-test against him.

> BERESFORD IN CHICAGO. Business Men Give Fitting Reception to-British Commercial Ambassador.

the first ballot he only obtained 185 votes commissioner of the British chamber of as against 344 cast in favor of M. Briscommerce, arrived in Chicago this afternoon from the West. President Cyrus H. McCormick of the Commercial Club and a committee from that organization consisting of J. J. Jones, H. J. Macfar-land and M. R. Stone met the Admiral at the Northwestern station. Beresford was taken at once to the Auditorium. He reported he had a pleasant

trip and appeared to be in fine spirits. PACIFIC CABLE SUBSIDY.

American Senate's Proposition for Private Construction and Ownership.

first magistracy. M. Loubet's chances depend largely upon whether the Dreyfus affair is to influence the election. If it does he will probably be defeated because the anti-revisionists oppose and the revisionists support his candidature.

M. De Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the Times, who regards M. Loubet's election as assured says: "Like many larger and China."