complied with:

An Act to Incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Co.; an Act authorizing the Koyal Trust Co. to carry on business in British Columbia; an Act to Incorporate the Golden Light, Power and Water Co., Limited; an Act to amend the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1901; an Act respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Co., and that as regards Petition No. 10, an Act respecting the Brunette Saw Mill Co., Ltd., the rules be suspended, and that the notice given be deemed sufficient.

Introduction of Bills.

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Eight Hour Bill.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved the Scoond reading of the bill providing encight hour day for smelters. He said of the employees, reading in this connection a resolution passed by the Greenwood Miners' Pulon, Archae the Socialist members to move therefor, the Socialist members to move the reduction of the state of the move the social to the s hours a day. This meant that capitalists were exacting from the workers four hours a day in addition to what the men should be required to give. The average life of the men employed in the smelters was about 15 years. He quite understood the remark of Mr. McInnes that corporate interests would be served by lessening the number of sessions of the legislature.

licences in a few days. Applications will be dealt with as received. The intention is to adopt a liberal policy towards bona fide applicants, but specular tors will receive scant consideration. The idea of an early issue is to give every genuine applicant a fair charce.

Members are keenly discussing the separate school issue in the autonomy bills. The Liberals got cold feet today.

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the smelters of his district about 18 percent, of the men worked eight hours under present conditions, 32 per cent. The Bill Proposing Eight Hour Day in Smelters

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to refusals touched up in sympathetic strain.

Mr. Oliver observed a peculiar provision in the bill, namely, that it would not go into effect until some time next year. It would have been more business like thought if the men had petitioned the House, setting forth the conditions and asking for a remedy. For his part he desired to disavow the gentle impeachment of the hardihood of the assembly conveyed the member for Nanaimo in his reference to the influence of delegations. Nobody had ever attempted to club ideas into him. He recalled that it was only a short time ago that the lead smelters of the province were shut down, and that the bonus (Continued on Page Eight.)

cers of the Russian cruiser Lena was swims to a misunderstanding. They had signed a parole not to leave the United States until an arrangement had been made between the two governments. Subsequently, when the final arrangement between Russia and the United States regarding the Lena was reached, the officers supposed they were free to come home. If the United States in sist, the officers doubtless will return to San Francisco.

COAL CONSPIRACY.

Scheme to Control Prices Condemned by Illinois Supreme Court.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 22.—The Ilinois Supreme court today, in the case of the

## **Warm Time** In Commons

Irish Party Unexpectedly Return to the Attack Upon the Government.

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Balfour is Sustained in the Debate by a Narrow Majority.

ONDON, Feb. 22.—Encouraged by the reduced government majority in the division in the House of Commons last night, the Irish party unexpectedly returned to the attack today more fiercely than over I Immediately then the control of t turned to the attack today more fiercely than ever. Immediately after the session opened, John Redmond gave notice of a motion to adjourn in order to discuss the conditions under which Sir Antony MacDonnell holds the post of under-secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland.

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This movement came as a surprise and caught the government off their guard. The Speaker set the debate on the motion for the commencement of the night session. It had been expected that the debate on Mr. Morton's amendment calling the attention of His Majesty to the condition of the army, showing "negligence and mismanagement by the ministers," which came up today, would occupy two days. A num-

## RUMORS OF DEFEAT.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 23.—
(3 a. m.)—Rumors are current in this gity tonight that General Kuropatkin has been outflanked by a strong force of Japanese in the vicinity of Sinminton and compelled to retire from the Shakhe river, but official despatches, so far as made public, and the Associated Press Mukden advices give no informa-tion to that effect.

Military circles sout the rews, and say no body of Japanese of sufficient strength has been operating on the right Russian flank abandon his exceedingly strong position on the Shakhe without a hard fight, lasting several days.

The debate lasted till midnight, when a motion to adjourn was defeated by 265 to 223, but Mr. Redmond scored a point by compelling Mr. Wyndham, chief see retary for Ireland, to read the correspondence between himself and Sir Antony MacDonnell, by which it was shown that the under secretary was given extraordinary powers, and authorized to arrange for co-operation, in the control and direction of boards and administrative agencies. It was also shown that Premier Balfour had concurred it this incident at question time this afternioon.

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The announcement of the figures was greeted with loud shouts from the Irish members of "Resign. Wyndham!"

The following is the gist of the correspondence: "On September 22, 1902, Sir Anthony Macdonnell wrote to Chief Secretary Wyndham, after referring to the offer of the Under Secretary: "I don't see eye to eye with you in politics or in all matters of Irish administration, and do not see any hope in such a regime of coercion as the Times recently outlined. However, I find there is a substantial measure of agreement between us." Then in stipulating for "adequate opportunity for influencing "adequat opportunity for influencing the policy of the act of the Irish administration, subject of course to your control and for freedom of action in executive matters." Macdonnell specified the points on which he wished to take action, namely, maintenance of order, co-ordination of departments, and "education on the question in the general spirit of views."

BALLARD MAN DIES ON SHIP.

Greeted With Cheers,

The reading of this sentence was greeted with cheers. The letter emphasized the fact that the writer could phasized the fact that the writer could only accept the position on the conditions laid down; and that being so, his friends warned him, he would be denounced as a Catholic by Protestants, and a renegade by some home-rulers, and that he would leave Ireland before the year was out thoroughly disheartened.

Prefacing it with the remark that the letter was written with no idea of its publication, Mr. Wyudham next read his reply, which began: "Your letter was most welcome to me," and went on to say: "I accept your offer of help on the conditions laid down in your letter."

He then enumerated the conditions, referring to education in the words: "Higher education is a form acceptable to the majority of the inhabitants." He also said he had acquainted Mr. Balfour with the purpose of the letter, and had received his concurrence by telegraph the preceding day, and concluded: "I will see that the press is informed of your great administrative record and your position on the India council, and will prepare the public for the further move. I thank you once again with all my heart for coming to my assistance."

RULERS RECEIVE DEGREES.

Emperor of Germany, Roosevelt British Ambassador Honored.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—President Rooseyelt, Emperor William and Sir Mortimer Durand, British ambassador, today received the degree of doctor of laws from the University of Pennsyllaws from the University of Pennsylvania. The degree was conferred upon the German Emperor, the German ambassador accepting the honor for his sovereign. President Roosevelt was the orator of the day. He delivered an address on some "Maxims of Washington.' The exercises were held in the Academy of Music, and not since 1898, when President McKinley delivered the oration, has the university day celebrations assumed such large proportions. tions assumed such large proportions. GRAND DUCHESS PAUL BARRED.

Leaves Husband at Frontier While He Proceeds to Moscow. Eydtkuhnen, Prussia, Feb. 22.—Grand Duke Paul proceeded to St. Petersburg alone, permission having been refused for the Grand Duchess to cross the Russian frontier. She left here today, returning probably to Paris.

Moscow, Feb. 22.—The Grand Duke Paul arrived here this morning and was met at the station by his two children, who had been under the care of the late Grand Duke Sergius and Grand Duchess Elizabeth

DUEL WITH KNIVES.

Circleville, Ohio, Feb. 22.—In a duel with butcher knives today in the warehouse of the Hosler Packing Company, Henry Wibbe stabbed John Price in the heart, killing him instantly, after Price had cut Wibbe's chin and nose almost off.

RACES AT DETROIT.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 22.—Announcement was made here today that the closing of the stake entries for the summer running races at Highland Park, Detroit, and Fort Erie, Ont., has been postpoued from March 1 to March 20.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Nels L. Faulk, aged 24 years, and a passenger on board the steamship City of Puebla, which arrived here today from Sound ports, died February 19 of heart disease. He was a native of Ballard, Wash. WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY. Washington, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was generally observed at the national capital. Aside from the cere-

mony at the capital, celebrations were held by various local patriotic societies All federal and municipal offices were

AFFAIRS OF OUTPOSTS. Sharp Engagements Reported From Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—A telegram from Huan mountain, Manchuria, says sharp outpost fighting occurred Febru-ary 20 in the Tsinchen mountain dis-The Russian losses in the outpost skirmishes southwards of Tzenti pass were 14 killed and 63 wounded.

SHOE MEN ORGANIZE. New York, Feb. 22.—Nearly every shoe manufacturing concern of the East and Middle West was represented today at a meeting held here for the purpose of organizing the National Association of Boot and Shoe Manufacturers of the United States. Several previous attempts to form such an organization have failed, but the opinion was expressed at today's meeting that the obstacles in the way would be overcome.

Alabama.

No Hope Held Out That Any of Entombed Men Can Now Be Alive.

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FRENCH NAVAL PROGRAMME.

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The \$24,000,000 to be spent this years will be expended mostly on submarines, in the same sum is spent yearly till 1007, the minister said, France need not fear. He proposed to lay lown several battleships are tyen to strengthen the force in the Far East and to rev. the docks at Saigon.

GERMAN STUDENTS STRIKE.

Refuse to Attend Lectures Until Case of Companion is Attended to.

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# **End Of North** Sea Incident

Semi-official Despatch Shows That the Russians Will Be Whitewashed.

Admiral Had Legitimate Grounds For Believing His Ships Were Endangered.

Reading of the Finding of the Commission Has Been Set For Saturday.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—A semi-official despatch was issued tonight relative to the work of the international commission which has been considering the North Sea incident. It was as follows:

"The full 'commission met today in the ministry of foreign affairs, and again in the afternoon in order to proceed to an examination of the report

the ministry of foreign affairs, and again in the afternoon in order to proceed to an examination of the report recapitulating its conclusions. The report is rather long, comprising about ten large pages.

The principal author is Admiral Von Spaun (Austria), but all the members of the commission collaborated in drawing it up. The commission gives no opinion on the question of the presence or absence of Japanese torpedo boats in the North Sea, declaring merely that the Russian admiral quite legitimately believed that his ships were endangered and that he had the right, under the circumstances, to act as he did. The commissioners refer to the Russian government's engagements to indemnify the victims of the deplorable incident.

"The report will be sent tomorrow by special messengers to the Russian and British governments, not because it is liable to modifications at the instance of one or the other of the governments—the commission's decision being without appeal—but the commissioners do not wish the powers interested to simply learn through the press of the last public action and the conclusions arrived at. There is nothing in this communication or report except an act of deference." communication or report except an act of deference."

The public sitting for the reading of

Seventy Bodies

Are Recovered

Terrible Results of the Dreadful Mine Explosion Down in

Indignation in London.

London, Feb. 23.—A strong chord of indignation is sounded by the London daily papers this morning over the semi-official statement relative to the decision of the North Sea commission giving to Russia the victory; but it still is hoped that the publication of the full text of the commission produced by the preliminary version, which is one of intense disapmointment.

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