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d Bodies Already Red and Many More in the Ruins.

no Escaped the Falling ris in Danger of Suffocation.

Brings Calamity to v Home in Little Mining Town.

ek, Va., March 6.-The most ne explosion ever known in ver district, occurred at the ne shortly after the miners ork this morning. Although work by the rescuing party ng on incessantly all day it to-night to estimate the full o dead bodies have already out and the number of the reach 75 or more. It is, night that a least 45 miners abed in the wrecked mine Ash mine is a large drift, and occurred near the entrance, thus closed by the falling bing a large number of mincene of the disaster is between and Thurmond, on the south the Chesapeake & Ohio railevery assistance possible was the railway company and by ng mining towns. Relief parcorps of experts and many

to an official investigation as se of the disaster.
t successful strike of the resabcut 10 a.m., when ten bodecovered. Seven of them were ad and other three men were st the miners were located at laces in the drift and the expased the falling slate to blocknoms in the different parts of the work of rescue met with obstruction after another.
e is one of the largest in West and was very heavily timbered ferent drifts. It was for this nd was very heavily timbered ferent drifts. It was for this was feared that those who had killed by falling debris at the explosion, would be pinioned connected timbers and suffer connected timbers and suffer a suffocation. Air was pumpmines by engines on the surh were kept working after the but it was feared that air
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tance as the coal, stone and toff all possibility of reaching. or. The pumps and all other in the mine were demolished erything had to be done throughly arrangements on the surface, he men got under headway in of rescuing they reached they in less than an hour, but they ter difficulties after that time, hen that telegrams were sent to ery, Charleston and other places icians, nurses and caskets, but the greater part of the day there only for the caskets. He accident occurred an hour my more would have been enter in the mine. The estimates of ber in the mine when the execurred are based on the numentered at 7 o'clock. The poputhis mining village is only 500, miners and the calamity will most every little house in the

EAT FROM CAPE COLONY. British Successes with Slight ss to Troops Engaged.

March 6 .- The war office has he following despatch from

in. March 6 .- Gatacre occumberg vesterday. The lines of orth and west will now be re-

al Clements is at Jouhert's sidon beyond Colesberg. Duke of Marlborough, with the company of the Imperial Yeo-tas left Capetown for Naauwa-

oers in northern Cape Colony are etreat to the Orange Free State. session of Stormberg puts Gatrailroad communication with Clet Colesberg, for though the Boers wrecked the railroad, it is unthat it can be quickly repaired, entrance of British troops into e State will be greatly facilitated. Dordrecht is reported to be exty strong. According to the the Boers' numbers alone enter to retreat from Dordrecht lly unhindered. It also reports a nof the white flag by the Boers, it they deliberately fired at close in a stretcher party, recht, March 5.—Following yessuccess, General Brabant again the Boers to-day with advantage, the position captured yesterday, was some smart fighting this morn-British losing five or six men and their recition.

their position. The Boers fought usly, contesting every inch of the but ultimately retreated sudden-ying their guns and wagons. A d force pursued them, but the re-not yet known.

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British casualties during the two ere 30 wounded and 12 or 13 kill-he Boers losses are unknown. hout the arduous fighting and fatigue, the colonials have behav-

RATHCONA'S OFFICERS.

eele and Three Next in Order Rank in the Imperial Army.

on. March 6.-The following off-Lord Strathcona and Mount corps were gazetted to-day: B. Steele, of the Northwest Police, to be Lieutenant ed Police, to be Lieutenant-il, with the same temporary rank army; and Lieutenants R. A. R. A. Belcher, A. M. Jarris and Snyder to be Majors.

Amur Making Special Trip to Skagway-Movements in Marine Circles.

The Canadian Pacific railway company, in taking over the Columbia & Western extension from Robson to Greenwood, from the construction company, has made a very material reduction on the passenger rates hitherto prevailing on that much-travelled branch. The transfer took place on the lat inst, when the local rate from Robson to Grand Forks was reduced from \$5.35 to 33.35, and that from Robson to Greenwood from \$7 to \$4.50. Rates between other points on the branch have also been brought down on a corresponding scale. Not only has a sweeping reduction been made in the passenger tariff, but freight charges as well have been cut down some twenty-five per cent.

The Portland Oregonian in its issue of Saturday last published the following the steamer St. Paul, which for the start of the columbia & Western extension from Robson to Greenwood, from the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker are on view in the show window of Mr. Bower on the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker are on view in the show window of Mr. Bower on the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker are on view in the show window of Mr. Bower on the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker are on view in the show window of Mr. Bower on the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker are on view in the show window of Mr. Bower on the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker are on view in the show window of Mr. Bower on the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker are on view in the show window of Mr. Bower on the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker are on view in the show window of Mr. L. Belyea, Aged German Dead.—Frederick Geri-ken, a native of Germany, aged 70 years, died yesterday. His remains will be forwarded to Montreal for interment.

Fine Copper Specimens.—Two splemands are on view in the show window of Mr. L. Belyea, Aged German Dead.—Frederick Geri-ken, a native of Germany, aged 70 years, died yesterday. It was probable for the transfer took place on the Lat. Belyea, Aged German Dead.—Frederick Ren, a native of Germany, aged 70 years, died yesterday. It was probable for men

the trade with Cape Nome to American vessels.

The local company operating the steamer Alpha is not at all alarmed over the foregoing, and is continuing to make preparations for the steamer's departure with cargo. A large quantity of freight shipped from Seattle is now awaiting the Alpha at Skagway, and this fact is taken as conclusive proof that even the United States people themselves do not consider that the Washington government will refuse to make Cape Nome a port of entry. But even if the unfriendly act is committed, there are other methods by which Nome can be reached than clearing for there direct. Canadian vessels can clear for Ketickan, take on a customs officer and then proceed to Nome. But this might result in considerable delays if the United States authorities were inclined to act discourteously.

berlain, colonial secretary to the resolution passed at the public meeting held in the Victoria theatre renewing expressions of loyalty and endorsing the government's policy in South Africa. The communications:

Ottawa, Feb. 27, 1900.

Sir: Referring to your telegram of the 19th ultimo, I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a copy of a despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonles, conveying to you and to the citizens of Victoria Her Majesty's high appreciation of the loyal and dutiful sentiments expressed in your said communication.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH POPE,

Under-Secretary of State.

CHIEF ENGINEER CENSURED.

Guilty of Drunkenness.

A despatch from San Francisco says the British consular court of inquiry, which investigated the charges of investigated the charges of investigated the charges of investment of Ranauense, which passed up to Nanaimo yesterday for a cargo of coal, exonerates McDonald of the charge of incompetency, but finds him guilty of drunkenness, and negligence, though not of so gross a character as to warrant the court in suspending his license. He is fined the sum of £20. The Manauense has just been released from the United States transport service.

TACOMA ARRIVES.

Mr. Chamberlain to Lord Minto.

My Lord: I have the honor to state that I have laid before the Queen the message from the Mayor of Victoria, British Columbiant to express the Manauense of the Mayor of Victoria, British Columbiant to express the Manauense of the Mayor of Victoria, British Columbiant to express the Mayor of Victoria her high appreciation of incompetency, but finds him guilty of the loyal and dutiful sentiments to which it gives expression.

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MINERS' ASSESSMENT WORK. Order-in-Council to Elucidate the Mean-

ing of the Statute.

TACOMA ARRIVES.

"Moved by Senator Templeman and seconded by Col. Baker, M.P.P., and carried: 'Resolved, That the citizens of Victoria express anew their feelings of love and loyality to Her Most Gracious Majesty, their attachment to the Empire and devotion to its interests and their cordial sympathy and support of British policy in South Africa, and that a copy of this resolution be telegraphed to Her Majesty's government.'"

Lieut.-Governor McInnes vesteday so

His Worship the Mayor, Victoria, B.C.

leaving the outer wharf for Nanaimo, where she loads coal for the Hawaiian Islands, another vessel, which was engaged in conveying Uncle Sam's troops to the Phillipines, the Tacoma, of the Northern Pacific liners. After her charter to the United States government expired the Tacoma went to the Orient and resumed her place in the Northern Pacific Steamship Company's service. She sailed from Hongkong on February 4, Moji 12th, Kobe 14th and Yokohama 17th. Between Yokohama and the meridian, which was crossed on the 25th, extremely bad weather was encountered. The Tacoma reached quarantine at three yesterday afternoon and spent eight hours there, reaching the wharf at midnight. She had a full cargo, two second cabin passengers, Messrs. A. Reamsuider and P. Melta, both from Yokohama; 55 Chinese from Hongkong and 20 Japanese from Kobe.

When the Tacoma became an American vessel the officers had to become citizens of the United States. This fact, however, did not prevent them from throwing their hats in the air when they heard at the quarantine station of the triumph of British arms in South Africa.

MINERS' ASSESSMENT WORK.

JOHN W. PRATT,
President American-British League.

To His Honor Thomas R. McInnes, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

An extra of the British Columbia Gazette issued yesterday contains the following proclamation:

"Whereas there is doubt as to the true intent of section 5 of the Mineral Act. Amendment Act, 1808, and of section 3 of British League, composed of persons of British League, composed of British League, composed of Persons of British League, Composed of British League, Composed of British League, Composed of Persons of British League, Composed of British League, Composed of British League, Composed of British League, Composed

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To Halifax

Western Sixty Given Less Than Ten Days to Prepare for

Poll Tax on Japanese Scouted -Two Strathcona Lieutenancies for Vancouver.

Ottawa, March 5.-The provisional battalion to garrison Halifax will conone year. British Columbia is to supply 60 men. The pay of the active militia will be allowed. Col. Vidal will be temporarily in command. The Western company is to concentrate at Ot-

In the senate to-day Hon. David Mills scouted Senator Macdonald's suggestion to impose a poll tax on Japanese.

Montague Fraser and Guy Kirknatrick, of Vancouver, have been given The house was engaged all day discussing the flag incident at Montreal on

Col. Prior has introduced a bill to enable the government to promote deserving officers to the full rank of

whence reports had been sent to the department that disease was rife among the cattle in that neighborhood. The inspector, however, reports that no disease exists at the present time on the island. Mr. Gibbins has completed the inspection of cows supplying milk to the cities of Vancouver and New Westminster; and with a few exceptions found the premises well kept and the cattle free from disease.

CAPITALIST INTERESTED. Information Asked Regarding Proposed

Island Railway. It is stated on excellent authority that the proposed railway to the north end of Vancouver island has attracted the attention of one of the wealthiest and most enterprising men in the United States, who has already taken some interest in the mining development of the West Coast, and that he has asked for full details in regard to the project, with the view of taking it up if the representations already made to him are correct and no local obstacles are presented. The latter is not likely to be the case.

Sir: I regret very much that in your isne of Saturday last an announcement was made of one LeLievre—Billingsby marriage as having been performed by me, "in the house" and during the season of Lent, viz., Ash Wednesday. I ask you to publicly state that it is incorrect. The Anglican church does not marry in houses except under special itense from the bishops, or outside a distance limit of five miles from any church. Also without very special cause or necessity or bishop's permission the Anglican church does not marry during the solemn season of Lent. I passed this announcement over in your paper, thinking that your readers would give me the opportunity to explain it if they were sufficiently interested.

I am agreeably surprised how many lay members have spoken to me on this subject, besides the strong protest I have received from the bishop's commissary, the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven.

Finally, the wedding in question took place in St. Barnabas' church on Shrove Tuesday, February 27.

ERNEST G. MILLER.

Rector.

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