TRAIN PASSED

President Taft's Special Placed in Danger by Miscreant's Work - Explosion Would Have Caused Wreck

the slightest danger.

gentleman's life.

empress.

danger.

Yuan's Career.

After an eventful career in interna-

tional relations under Li Hung Chang,

covering 75 years, Yuan Shi Kai on

January 2, 1911, was dismissed, order

ed to vacate all his offices and return

home. He sent his family to the for-

eign quarter in Tien Tsin and fled to

The prince regent, deprecating the

effect on the world of this event, and

ppreciating Yuan Shi Kai's alarm,

sent a message to Tien Tsin to reas-

sure him. He returned to his family

home at Wei Hui Fu, in Honan, and

until now has lived there a country

Yuan Shi was dismissed following

the death of his sovereign protector

the late empress dowager, because he

was an obstacle to the reapportionment

of imperial patronage and power for

the benefit of the numerous impecuni-

ous members of the prince legent's

family, and that of the new dowager

It is known that his paramount idea

upon the death of the former empress

of court practices, abolition of eunuch

dowager and emperor was the reform

and female influences in the palace

rescue of the boy emperor and educa

His dismissal was called the unad-

vised joint act of a hysterical widow

Kuangh Sui's empress, and of an ir-

resolute regent, Prince Chun. The lat-

ter flung the edict of dismissal on the

council table for approval without

chance of debate. The sweeping asid-

of the grand council showed Yuan his

A majority of the foreign ministers

n Peking regarded his dismissal as an

event inviting revolution, and Sir John

Jordan, British minister, together with

W. W. Rockhill, then American minis-

ter, on January 15, 1909, jointly made

formal representations to China neces-

regency. Yuan was given asylum by

the British and American authorities,

who feared for his life, and who since

that time have not sailed to let China

Because of this China on the occasion

of his acceptance of the appointment to

Wu Chang, sent a special messenger to

Secretary Knox to announce the event.

office comes after refusal of at least two

government overtures. The most impor-

tant effort to coax him back occurred in

1910; when the government appointed

Tang Shao Yi president of a board in

Peking as a conciliatory measure, and

sent him to ask Yuan to join in arrang-

pacification of the opponents of the gov-

ernment's policy of industrial develop-

He agreed to come back if the regent

erence by the imperial family, court

would guarantee freedom from inter-

and intriguing politicians. The regent

could not then give such guarantee, and

Yuan remained at home. Tang Shao Yi

Missionaries Afraid

LONDON Oct. 18 .- The Tien Tsin

correspondent of the Times says it is

not yet clear whether the movement in

the province of Szechuan is connected

with the Hankow revolt. The mission-

aries in the northwest of Honan are

making preparations to leave for a place

of safety, as withdrawals of loyal troops

for concentration at Hankow give rise

to fears of disturbances. The govern

ment arrangements for the transporta-

tion of troops from Shan Tung and

Manchuria are in confusion, and no

roops in those districts have yet

noved. The outlook is unchanged ex-

cept that the absence of risings else-

where may be held to indicate that the

Losses Are Heavy

LONDON, Oct. 18 .- A special despatch

rom Hankow tonight says the imperial

ists still hold the trenches, but have lost

several hundred men killed and wound-

ed. Fighting lasted all day. The revo

lutionists after repeated but unavailing

bayonet charges, fell back to Wu Chang

Trainloads of wounded were brought

No International Force

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 .- There is

no joint international force acting as

unit in China, in the view of the

state department. Each of the naval

commanders is supposed to be acting

under instructions from his own gov-

ernment, and although it is contem-

plated that they should support one

another if foreign interests are en-

dangered by the military operations, it

s stated positively that, so far, there

s no "allied force" and consequently

the question of seniority of naval

commanders and right to direct the

international operations has not been

Although the revolutionary disturb-

inces first occurred in Szechuen pro

vince, there has been no considerable

levelopment of unrest, and the Ameri-

can consul at Chung King reports

comparative quiet at Cheng Tu, the

capital, and a storm centre in the early

stages of the insurrection. He re-

ports that nowhere in the province is

the revolutionary movement anti-for-

eign and that Americans generally are

safe, although communication with the

extreme eastern section of Szechuen is

brought to an issue.

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know they hoped for his recall.

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tion on western lines.

the same place immediately after.

SANTA, BARBARA, Cal., Oct. 17 .-That President Taft's special train actually passed over the El Capitan 800-foot bridge, 25 miles north of here, early on Monday morning while 21 sticks of dynamite were in place all ready to be exploded, was the opinion expressed tonight by George W. Inge, an expert on explosives, em-ployed by the Southern Pacific railroad to investigate the alleged attempt at bridge dynamiting. Mr. Inge re-turned to Santa Barbara tonight from El Capitan, accompanied by Sheriff Nat Stewart of Santa Barbara county and several other officials. He left for San Francisco later.

"It was while the man was adjusting the second charge of dynamite,' said Mr. Inge, "that the Mexican bridge walker. Gomez, discovered and fired upon him. The man ran, and as it was dark no good description of him could be given.

"It was not until later in the day that Section Foreman Brown discovered the presence of this charge of 21 sticks of dynamite with the fuse attached. There was not sufficient explosive placed to completely wreck the structure, but from what I observed, it was clearly the work of an

"It seems to me that it was clearly his intention to wreck the stone abutments. Had both charges gone off the abutments would have been totally destroyed, thus leaving the steel supports with no foundation. The first train over the bridge would surely have crashed to the bottom. But as the man was frightened away before he had time to complete his work only the first charge of 21 sticks remained in place. After being discovered by Gomez, the man ran, leaving the fuse hanging out but not lighted. This was not found until after daylight, and as the president's train passed over the bridge at 5:51 a m., it certainly passed over this charge

of dynamite. But for the timely discovery of the dynamite, Mr. Inge declared, the train following the first train over the bridge would also have been wrecked. as the block signals, he said, would not have been disturbed. The president's train did not pass the spot until nearly four hours after the discovery of the explosive, and it is not certain that his train would have been either first or second over the struc-

George Mack of Naples, today identified the dynamite as being part of a large consignment used along the coast during the past year.

Sheriff Stewart returned tonight from Goleta, where he had gone to nection with the alleged plot. He said that during the day he had picked up and searched nearly 50 clews, but these had all proved useless.

FIRST BATTLE

IS INDECISIVE

(Continued from page 1.) vails, however, that the government has really achieved an moral victory. The belief has been held here that if the first encounter between the revolutionaries and loyal troops proved decisive, the supremacy would be settled there and then.

Only a few unimportant towns out side of Hankow, Wu Chang and Han Yang have taken part in the uprising. Nanking, Chang Sha, Canton and other cities of known revolutionary tendencies have not responded to the call of the insurgents so far as can learned. They are seemingly awaiting the result of the first encounter. Had the rebels overwhelmingly won today's battle it was expected the provinces below Yangts Kiang would be theirs. With other important cities in rebellion the government would have been unable to concentrate its strength against the three in Hu Peh province. The rebel leaders have shown the usual characteristic weakness in not following up their early victories.

No news was received from Szechuer province. The American legation failed to receive reports, except that from Consul General Greene at Hankow, announcing that the battle had begun. Acceptance of the office of viceroy of Hu Peh, makes Yuan Shi Kai's appointment a military one. It is reliably stated that Yuan Shi Kai demanded permission to raise his own division of 10,000 troops, and also to cash a personal grant of 3.000,000 taels (\$2,000,000). To this humiliation the regent agreed. Yuan Shi Kai is expected to start

from Peking within three days. Many ofifcials, dissatisfied with the progress of reforms, are rallying to the support the government, as they now believe the chances for securing reforms are greater by aiding the dynasty. Owing to the censorship, even the

officials are unable to obtain reliable news, which they are eagerly seeking from correspondents and foreign lega-British and Japanese reports fail to

confirm the announcement that the situation at Nanking is critical.

Bussian Precautions. The Russian troops have been ordered to suppress immediately any excesses by revolutionaries or bandits near the railway stations without waiting for further instructions. 'A consular report says several revolu-tionists have been decapitated at Mukden. Except the Japanese, there are few foreign consuls beyond Harbin and Vladivostok, hence, reports of Russian activities depend entirely upon Russian

From Hankow comes the report that

Negotiations Reported General Greene/telegraphed today from

perialists aided by the ships began at

PEKING, Oct. 18.-American Consul-Hankow as follows: "Firing between the rebels and im

tver and the railway station."

The railroad station is on the north bank of the Han river, west of Hankow.

Chinese officials report that negotiations are proceeding between Admiral San Chen Ping and General Li Yuan Heng, the revolutionary commander at Hankow. portation of rice from Peking. A pision of the old style troops which ived here yesterday are quartered camps and temples around the varicity gates and in the streets in ich the high officials live. Vancouver

Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 18.—Howclosely the Chinese colony in Vancouver
is following events in China is shown
by the receipt today of cables recording
minutely the progress of the revolution.
The importan cables read. of the United States Asiatic fleet, teleof the United States Asiatis fleet, tele-graphs the legation that the protected cruiser New Orleans has been ordered to Nanking, the protected cruiser Al-bany to Shanghai and the collier Ab-erenda to Tien Tsin, the port of Pe-king, bringing reinforcements to the The American charge here is anxious that there shall be no alarm regarding Peking, as it is not considered to be in.

CENSUS FIGURES

ARE INACCURATE (Continued from Page 1.) building. Water services are just doi ble the number in use in 1901, the figures being 6,487 compared with 3,252. The tramway traffic figures show a corresponding growth, the 1901 total of assengers carried being . 2,304,286, compared with 5,929,220 to date this year. These figures indicate that the

population is here. The 1901 returns proved almost equally disappointing but a civic census taken immediately afterwards showed that over 4,000 residents had been miss-ed and the prediction is made that a civic census now would prove even more conclusive evidence of the inade quacy of the recent count.

LOSE NO TIME ON NEW HOTEL

Contractors Begin Work or Structure on North Side of Yates Street Within Twelve Hours of Award

Within twelve hours of the time tha the contract was awarded to Messrs Luney Brothers, contractors, by th owners and builders, Messrs, Challon er & Mitchell, work was commence yesterday morning upon the new five storey hotel building, which will be erected on the north side of Yate street just above Douglas street at a cost of \$65,000. The building is to oc cupy a site measuring 50 x 120 feet, al ready excavated, and when complete in five months' time, will be one of th nost outstanding structures on Vic toria's widest and most rapidly grow ing business thoroughfare. The build ing, which was designed by Mr. Thomas Hooper, architect, will be modern every degree and delineates some of th

latest features in building. The five storeys and the basement the building will be constructed of brick, faced with pressed brick and imestone. The foundation has bee specified to carry an additional tw storeys, making the building seven storeys at any future date. There are to be eighty rooms in the building, all equipped with running hot and cold water. Sixteen bathrooms are provided or, divided into the upper floors of structure. A high-powered electric elevator will be installed and double stair-cases, one in the front of the building and another at the rear, will be constructed, which is one of the most convenient features of the hotel. Two stores are provided on the main floor with porch entrances, the windows being set out similar to these in the new Gordon building just opposite the

new building. In the basement a grill and other

business quarters can be accommodated. FORGED PAY CHECKS

Seattle Gang Defrauds Banks by Imitating Paper of Oregon-Washington Bailway Company

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18 -- Spurious pay checks, purporting to be issued by the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company, were discovered by the United States National bank in this city today, and from appearances a gang with headquarters in Seattle has secured large sum of money within a few nours by means of these forgeries, extent of the swindle is not yet estimated, and will not be fully known for two or three days, it being possible that Spokane is included in the field of operations of the gang.

The forgery was discovered by a clerk in the bank during the opening of the Seattle mail. This was reported to the cashier, who at once started out to warn other banks in the city. parison with the genuine pay check by other banks revealed that practically all of the large banks of the city had received dozens of the forgeries in their Seattle mail.

The forgery is a splendid imitation, and would pass without detection any person not familiar with the genuine par checks. It was due only to a familiarity of the bank clerk with the company's pay checks that detection occurred to day. The spurious check is a photo graphic etching. The paper on which they are printed is cheaper, however than that used by the company, and it is a deeper blue in color.

Killed by Watchman IONE, Cal., Oct. 18.-Herman Huber ommitted from Sacramento county was shot and killed tonight by the night watchman of the state reform school here while trying to escape. Huber with another boy, attempted to ge away just before the call to the dining room was sounded. The pair passed al guards except the outside watchmar The latter fired, and the body of Huber was found in a field adjoining the school. He died before medical aid could be summoned. The night watch-man said that he could not see the boys plainly in the darkness, and fired blind-

George Ellis is to try for the \$5000 prize offered for a successful flight from Vancouver to Calgary.

ly as a signal.

ARE PUBLISHED

Recent Count Gives Dominion Population of Little More Than Seven Millions-Less than Estimate

OTTAWA, Oct. 17.—The provincial census figures for 1911 were made public today? They show a population of about 7,100,000, which number slightly increased when the full returns have been received. Four electoral districts have not yet made complete. plete returns, viz: Cumberland, in Nova Scotia, Regina and Battleford, in Saskatchewan, and Yale-Cariboo, in British Columbia, which is estimated to give a population of 70,000. The population for 1911, less the districts not reported, is 7,081,869, as against 5,871,316 in 1901. The population of the population o

lation by provinces is The following is the population of the principal cities and towns in Canada compared for 1911 and 1901 (subject to final ALBERTA:

	Edmonton	24,882	2,626	
1	Edmonton Lethbridge	8,048	2,072	
2	Medicine Hat	5,572	1,570	
f	Strathcona BRITISH COLUMBIA:	5,580	550	
9	City—	1911	1901	
,	Nanaimo	8,305	6,130	
	Nelson	4,472	5,273	
	New Westminster	13,394	6,499	Ě
2.7	Prince Rupert	4,771		
	Point Grey	4,319		
		100,333	27,010	
t	Vancouver North	7.781		è
2.18	Vancouver South	16.021		
5.	Victoria	31.620	20,816	
е	MANITOBA:			à
	Clay-	1911	1901	
26.30	Brandon	13,837	5,620	
d	Portage la Prairie	5,885	3,901	
	St. Boniface	7,717	2,019	
	Winnipeg,	135,430	42,340	
е	NEW BRUNSWICK:			S
S	Citie	1911	1901	
a	St. John	42,363	40,711	12
-	ONTARIO:			8
70.70	City—	1911	1901	
÷	Fort William	16,498	3,633	
d	Hamilton	81,879	52,634	
e	London	46,177	37,976	
2.03	Ottawa	86,340	59,928	
1	Port Arthur	11,216	3,214	
	St. Thomas	. 14,050	11,485	
 -	Sault Ste. Marie	10,179	7,169	
5463		376,240	208,040	
S	PRINCE EDWARD IS		1901	
n	City— Charlottetown	1911		
e	QUEBEC:	11,198	12,080	
	Maisonneuve vrv	18,674	3,958	
	Montreal	466.197	267,730	Ē
f	Quebec	78,067	68,840	
f	St. Hyacinthe	9,797	9,210	ľ
d	Sherbrooke	16,405	11,765	ŀ
	Three Rivers	14,441	9,981	
n	SASKATCHEWAN:		-	
0	City	1911	1910	1
n	Moose Jaw,	13,824	1.558	
22	Deimon Albort	6 254	1 785	

Detective Freed from Blame. coroner's jury inquiring into the death of H. Webb, who was shot dead by Detective Campbell when escaping from arrest on Monday night, decided this evening that the occurrence was accidental and that the detective should be acquitted from blame. A large quan tity of stolen goods was found in the deceased's rooms when a searth was made by the police.

BACK FROM

Princess May and Princess Mary Arrived Yesterday-Report that Princess Beatrice will Soon be Floated

The steamer Princess May of the P. R., reached port yesterday from Skagway and northern ports with a large complement of passengers and reports that when she passed the wreck of the steamer Princess Beatrice the Salvor of the B. C. Salvage company was standing by and work had been begun to float the steamer. The Princess Mary, which was sent to Alert Bay to bring the passengers of the wrecked steamer south reached port yesterday morning with Capt, C. D. Neroutsos, assistant superintendent of the B. C. Coast service, on board and the majority of the passengers of the Princess Beatrice. Capt. Neroutsos said there would be no difficulty in floating the steamer and he expected she would be hauled off today. The Princess Beatrice was proceeding through Christie passage at her usua rate of speed when she struck, head on, the rocks of Noble island, and mounted high. Rain was falling heavily and strong wind was blowing. Capt. Robertson ordered the boats swung out, but it was not necessary to use them, a gangway being put out on the rocks and the passengers landed. The crew built a bonfire of driftwood and they camped around this. There was no excitement and many went back on board. me sat around the plano in the saloon while one of the passengers played, Second Officer Rippon who arrived by the Princess Mary said Capt. Robertson ordered him to proceed to Hardy Bay with a boat and when near that port, eight miles away, they sighted the Venture, which proceeded to the scene and took the shipwrecked passengers on

ond Officer Rippon secured the launch Gypsy at Hardy Bay and returned to the wreck. He took the mails to Alert Bay and arranged for housing the passengers The Frincess Mary, despatched from Mictoria, reached Alert Bay on Monday

ht and after taking the on board proceeded north to the Princess
Beatrice, alongside of which was the
Princess Royal and the salvage tugs
Salvor and Maude. Mr. McGowan, superintendent engineer of the Canadian
Pacific Coast service, who overtook the
Princess Mary on the tug Qualicum,
went on the vessel and Capt. Neroutsos
left it together with all the crew of the
disabled vessel with the avention of bled vessel with the exception of

the engineer and deck crew. Capt. Rob-ertson remained in charge.

According to Captain Neroutsos, it is not the length of time that the vessel remains on the rocks that will harm her but the time when she should slip off, and scrape a bigger hole in her hull. He was afraid that the wash from the passing steamers in the narrow passage might be enough to push her from her resent entirely safe position. When she struck, a tagged though not serious hole was torn along her side, but her position at the time when the Mary left her was excellent for the purpose of making temporary repairs.

The passengers brought south by the Princess Mary were: Mr. G. Moare, Mrs. A. Simms, Miss E. Gooden, E. J. Kiney, A. S. Westcott, Mrs. Clifford, Miss Clifford, R. J. S. Salon, Mrs. G. G. Schultz, T. Olsen, A. G. Mumpford, J. S. Hell-rany, Mr. Phitzterd, Miss Elsie Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Burrows, W. A. Nelson, G. R. O'Brien, J. Glesmer, J. Spurb, J. R. Campbell, a Japanese and wife, E. J. Brodwick, W. A. Morton, E. O. Hedall, B. C. Nevis (manager of the Ocean Falls Cannery), W. A. Watson, W. M. Perry, M. Roche, A. Boyd, ... Mosier, Peter Davie, E. Cavernaille, James Yuiel and R. Hockin and many Chinese,

TO BUILD WHALERS Seattle Shipyard Gets Contract for Two Vessels From North Pacific Company

SEATTLE, Oct. 17 .- A local shipyard was awarded the contract today for the construction of two steel steam whalers for the Canadian North Pacific Fisheries company of Victoria.

The total contract price is \$130,000. The vessels will be 96 feet long, 18 feet beam and 11.6 feet deep. It is expected they will be ready for launching in six

Montreal's Assessment MONTREAL, Oct. 17 .- The report of the assessment department issued today shows the gross assessed value of property in the city to be \$499.926 .-049. The exemptions amounted to \$119,228,417, and the net assessment is therefore \$380,697,632. This shows gain of \$61,356,016, in the valuation of taxable property and a total increase in exemptions of \$9,975,918. The total increase in the gross assessment is \$71,131,934.

WOULD EXTEND

Aldermanic Opinion Favors a Bay Too Has Ambitions

If the opinion of a number of the aldermen is carried into effect Victoria's city limits will be materially extended in the not distant future. The scheme recently suggested by Mayor Morley of extending the eastern limits to take in sections 25, 26 and 27 in South Saanich and that portion of Oak Bay within which is now contained the fair grounds and the Old Men's Home, will be greatly added to. While the extension scheme is more or less hazy a committee of the council composed of Alderman Akell. Moresby and Gleason has been appointed to consider the question and report back to the council

In view of the fact that the municipality of Oak Bay is also approaching the government to have included within the municipal limits the very land which the city seeks to secure from South Saanich the city solicitor has been instructed to interview the government and endeavor to have it suspend action until the city's claims to extension are submitted and considered.

City Solicitor McDiarmid stated at Friday night's meeting of the council that the city will have to advertise its intention to apply for an extension of the limits, and then the matter must be approved of by the government, by the ratepayers of the city and by those residing in the territory which it is hoped

to annex. Alderman Langley believed the time to approaching when the city must consider taking in all of Oak Bay while Alderman Okellesuggested annexing that Lampson street as at present the city is having a good deal of trouble in arranging for a sewerage system in the \$21,000 territory immediately adjoining the present city limits. The city solicitor recently interviewed

the provincial government, and received a promise that nothing would be done until the city's suggestions have been

BOY'S STORY FALSE Toboes Charged Companion with Murder of Hill Family to Get Reward.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 17.-Under a kindly but searching examination by detectives Harry Howard, one of the youthful hoboes who with his partner, James Hawkins, told the convincing story which implicated A. R. Helmburg, also a hobo in the murder of the four members of the Hill family in this city on the night of June 8, made such adnissions that the detectives now believe the whole story of the boys a well planned "frame up." The vital object of the boys' story

was to obtain the substantial reward offered for the arrest of the murderer of the Hill family. Young Howard ctically admitted that he and James Hawkins deliberately conspired to swear

away the life of the Swedish sailor in order that they might obtain the \$500 reward offered for the arrest and con-

It was admitted by Howard who gives his age as 17, that he and the Hawkins boy, a year younger, read the newspaper accounts of the tragedy several times carefully in Portland then decided when the opportunity came to tell the auberg committed the crime.

Harry Howard said his real name is

George Justus and he formerly lived in New Jersey. His companion, James Hawkins, confirmed Howard's story that they plotted together to fix the responsibility for the murder of the four members of the Hill family upon August Holmberg for the purpose of securing the reward offered for the capture of the murderer. It is probable that Holmberg will be set free shortly. The authorities have not yet determined what action they will take with reference to the boys.

Wreck of Maine. WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Positive announcement was made today by the ordnance bureau of the navy department that the battleship Maine was not wrecked by the explosion of smokeless powder and that there was absolutely no grounds for drawing a parallel between the cause of the destruction of the American battleship and that of the Liberte of the French navy. There wharf the Osaka Shosen Kais was no smokeless powder aboard the Maine. The bureau did not attempt to fix the actual cause of the explosion

AUTUMNAL REAL ESTATE MOVEMENT

Property of Varied Character Being Put Through the Market-Evidences of Further Activity

With the autumnal real estate movement in full swing a number of important deals have been put through during the past week or two, and the prospects are that business will continue brisk for some time. When it is considered that the number of real estate agents doing business in Victoria has increased enormously within the past twelve months all of whom are apparently handling more or less business, it is obvious that the volume of trade in this line has grown to proportions never before dreamed of in Victoria. A tour of the central portions of the city give evidence of wonderful activity and vitality. The street work which is being pushed to completion with praiseworthy, alacrity on the part of the contractors, is daily transforming the appearance of the main thoroughfares; throughout the suburbs houses are springing up like bamboo shoots ranging in pretentions all Large Addition to Present to the expensive mansion. Property the way from the most modest cottage Corporate Boundaries—Oak values are being changed with remarkable rapidity and transfers involving considerable sums are of daily occur-

rence. and on Monday and Tuesday of the present week there has been renewed activity in Rock Bay. Several pieces of property there have been secured on option and offers of fair advances on prices paid during the slight movement there a few weeks ago have been flatly refused. No new announcement likely to affect values in the vicinity has been made, but despite this the property has been in keen demand. Residential and semi-business property in James Bay has been selling fast, the motive probably being the ultimate value of the section as a warehouse and whoesale dis trict. A second offer for the triangle of land along Cranmore road and Cadboro Bay road just below the site of the Old Men's Home has been refused. The last offer for this piece, made last week, was \$130,000. It is understood that the property is wanted by a syndicate which intends to build a large apartment building with an ambitious en-

closed court. Several new apartment houses are in ourse of erection and others are proposed. The demand for residences is unabating and unfulfilled. New houses are being snapped up as rapidly as offered and rentals are difficult to obtain Recent Transactions Some recent deals were:

A lot on Yates street, between Blanchard and Quadra streets, 60x120, was sold through Russell & Gregg for \$42,-The Henderson estate on Cranmore

road and Bowker avenue, comprising portion of Esquimalt as far west as 5 1-2 acres with a house, has been bought by the Oak Bay Realty Company for subdivision purposes. The price was A lot on Douglas street near the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in the rear of

Queen's avenue, sold for \$630 a foot. Three lots on Fisguard street east of Quadra sold for \$14,000. The northwest corner of Fort and Van uver streets, 60x120, has been sold for \$30,000 to a Vancouver man, who will immediately erect a three storey block. A lot 60x60 on Pandora street, near

Dr. Hannington's property on the corner of Blanchard and Broughton streets was purchased recently for \$38,

Broad, sold for \$40,000.

The Bradley-Dyne property in Saanich has been sold for \$100,000. This sale is not confirmed. Two lots on Newport avenue went for \$2,625.

Oak Bay waterfrontage brought \$10,-Shoal Bay acreage went for \$3,600 in Parkdale were sold for

\$1,600. Two lots on Wildwood avenue went for \$1,500. The six sales immediately preceding were put through by Messrs. Beckett,

AT WHARVE

Harmattan Brings Shipment of Heavy Rails for the British Columbia Electric Railway Company

The other wharf presented a bus ene yesterday. The big Blue Funliner was working a number of g ongshoremen loading 4,000 bar whale oil and considerable cann non, and the steamer Harmattan, Maple Leaf line, which reached po terday morning from New Yo ports with a cargo of over 3 000 steel rails and hardware, was dis ing big steel rails, each weighing 1,800 pounds and each 76 feet Both vessels occupied one side of new wharf, while the steamer Gr the C. N. P. Fisheries Company the end of the dock discharging barrels of whale oil, and at th was discharging 643 tons of merchandise.

Mexico Maru Arrives The steamer Mexico Maru Osaka Shosen kaisha reached the wharf yesterday afternoon from hama after a stormy passage. encountered a heavy gale five day

Two saloon passengers J. N. Kalif has been in business in Yokoham H. Gudgeon, from Kudat, in Born a Japanese woman, debarked here 73 steerage, mostly Chinese. were three saloon passengers, two anese and one Chinese and 23 Jan steerage passengers for Seattle. cargo consisted of 4,211 tons, incli 643 tons for Victoria, 43 for Seattle 3,525 for Tacoma and overland po There was 654 bales of raw silk freight for Victoria consisted of str braid, rattan chairs, beans, tea, mat rice, miso sake and rice wine. Tea ed the largest part of the big there being over 15,000 cases tea. Other big shipments were bulbs and porcelain.

The Mexico Maru has been practical in constant communication by wirely and sent one of the longest messas received on this coast via the new I'n ed States station in Alaska to Astor When the steamer was a few days of from Japan news was received on boa by wireless that the new governme had changed its determination to it crease the army in Korea by two diviions and would place but one new divis ion in the peninsula.

Brings Rails

The Harmattan, Capt. Lamb, which reached the outer wharf from New York brought over 1,000 tons of steel rail and other freight for this port consign ed to Evans, Coleman & Evans. Th rails are for the B. C. Electric Railwa company, which is running a spur to the wharf to carry away the rails. The steamer encountered heavy weather the Strait of Magellan, and when in of Panama. Calls were Montevideo and Coronel for bunker and at Caleta Colosa, Antofagsta at Buena Ventura to land cargo. Af leaving the last named port i attan ran into a heavy southeast and slowed down while big seas fl her decks. After discharging at couver the steamer will load grain San Francisco for the United Kin The Bellerophon is expected to plete her cargo tomorrow, and wil ceed to the Sound.

A young man named Johnston

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Youth Badly Wounded Near Ucluic Brought to City for Treatment vas accidentally shot in the left while hunting near Ucuelet, ti the accidental discharge gun, was brought to the city last on the steamer Tees, and is now at St. Joseph's hospital where progressing as well as can be expe-It is expected that he will rec though the wound is a seri He was in a canoe and was print the gun towards him when the trigge cought in one of the thwarts and the weapon was discharged. He lay for several hours in the cance, his sh failing to bring assistance though a launch and a rowboat passed near by. The lad's father was in rowboat, but it was getting dark he failed to notice the cance. the father, on returning home and ing his son still absent, started look for him. He found the ye ing in a pool of blood in the He was rushed to a doctor, by his injuries were attended when the Tees started south taken aboard and brought to \

ORDERS TO BUILD NEW FOG ALAR

The construction of the proposed alarm for McLoughlin point at the trance to Victoria harbor has authorised by the department of man and fisheries, and Capt. Robertson, a. of marine, stated vesterday the will be commenced at once. ernment steamer Newington is gaged in establishing an acety heacon at Moresby island. The left Estevan yesterday on her to Victoria. The lighthouse be structed at Active pass is near pletion, and is expected to be operation shortly.

The big pulp mill at Swans now in operation. Mr. J. D. Taylor, the reelected ber at Ottawa of New Westminster dis trict, is to be banquetted by his stituents of Port Haney tomorrow ng, when incidentally the questions Fraser river improvements, pests and the removal of the Lilloget andbars will be raised.

W. S. Lea has taken up the duties of city engineer at Vancouver.

RADS H

Measures Adopted to Stamp Out Italian Town Ar Serious Rioting

ROME (via frontier Grave disorders occurred large town one hour The rioting was sures adopted by t o stamp out cholera. rnment intended to cholera patients, the city hall and

The mob broke in the the mayor, but failing trioters sacked the buil rned it. A woman sel the hospital! Death The mob rushed to t ors were forced, a aside and the cholera par ried to the street. Me broke into a house where quarantined and took ise. A procession the sick were borne to the of the patients, who we death, were passed t ther, embraced and half-mad friends. The local authoriti me and troops were

capital and restored ord WARSHIPS LEAV THE ESQUIN

H. M. S. Shearwater Wi

Weeks on Extended the South Pa After being overhaul malt drydock H. M. S. H. M. S. Shearwater lef terday. H. M. S. She paring for a long sout which she will start a

hence. The Shearwater far south as Valparais number of the islands Pacific. H. M. S. Alge proceed south shortly. cently sold to the Vanc the Navy league for us ship has been moved off will shortly be taken t

EXCELLENT PR

So Says Mr. A "Potato King" ing for Provinc New York

Victoria today is ent -in the person of Mr. Ladner, the "potato Columbia, who is here the officials of the d riculture in reference of British Columbia's hibit of murphies hoped to win the Still \$1,000 prize for Briti the great Pan-America month at Madison New York. The exhibit in the personal charg and Mr. H. McClure of about one and a ha ed potato samples fro of the province, and w New York on Saturda packed in boxes pounds each, and each wrapped and packed ner as apples, so as t riving at their destin shape. Mr. Smith has tention to the Fraser been fairly well please cess in collecting bo and quantity. Assistin collecting, Mr. S. H. I the Ashcroft and Salmo Mr. Stuart Wade confi to the Kootenays, com of the Okanagan valley meos. In the Okana McC. Johnson's service tioned and it is believ

ritory has been well The potatoes twill market building at When the work has l is possible that the chance of looking over fore the lids are fina All being well, the shipped and it is exp Smith and Mr. Johnso the exhibit and superi ment in New York.

Potato Growing Mr. Smith finds the industry being genera a most slipshod mann tle uniformity in the grown, and sometime vould find two differen tatoes, and in a five dozen varieties. He canvas for potatoes v improvement in the p other year, and thus, big prize not be cap Columbia, the work w in vain. The collect to the minds of the of specializing in pot same manner as they , sheep or poultry e one variety and formity. The advar o be felt by the co bays a sack of po which wil