

## CORNER

last six years have been allowed to reach the coast, and the Finnish members of the government at St. Petersburg who have protested have been sent to prison.

The writer goes on to show why the participation of the women of Finland in the making of the laws from which so much was anticipated, have been so barren of practical results. A return, however, of the laws that have been passed by the diet through the bills that have been presented by them will clearly indicate what may be expected of women in the way of legislation.

Laws have been enacted for raising the "age of consent"; improving the legal position of children born out of wedlock; mitigating the punishment for infanticide committed by an unmarried mother at the time of birth; protecting minors from indecent assault; securing a state grant of 50,000 marks for anti-tuberculosis work; training for helping prostitutes to reform; raising the age of marriage from 15 to 17; legal protection for children who are victims of cruelty, neglect or overwork; nothwithstanding insurance; appointment of women sanitary inspectors; the right of women to practice law; more severe punishment for cruelty to animals; a state grant of 100,000 marks for the training of poor children in the public schools; a state grant of 100,000 marks for free kindergartens; registration of births for working men; and others (including domestic servants); a state grant of 150,000 marks for schools of domestic economy; a state grant of 400,000 marks for anti-tuberculosis work; a state grant of 65,000 marks for establishing libraries in various parts of the country. It may be stated here that literacy is almost unknown in Finland.

## FASHIONS

Italian blue and gold are a much-favored combination.

Millinery is trimmed with black and white Chantilly lace.

The Empire style is strongly revived in juvenile apparel.

A new feature of evening gowns is the use of beaded net.

Yellow fur holds the central position among fur trimmings.

Coats of black camel have collars and cuffs of yellow fox.

Eggplant purple is a much-favored color for this season.

Net in some form can be used to freshen up last year's clothes.

When making a mayonnaise in which the yolks of eggs are used, the economical housekeeper will use the whites in a dessert, such as apple sauce or frosting or for a meringue on a pie.

Stains on mahogany can be removed by painting them with a solution of six drops of milk mixed with a teaspoonful of water. Then rub well with a damp cloth and polish with a dry one.

Using a warm iron when putting out the wrinkles will away with them and the economical housekeeper will use the whites in a dessert, such as apple sauce or frosting or for a meringue on a pie.

To clean white felt, make a soft paste of milk and soda. Cover the felt with this mixture, apply with a brush, leave this on until the next day, then brush off with a clean, hard brush.

The Spirit of Scotland.

(By Stillman F. Kneeland.)

Comes at eve in sunset gleaming,

Through the world forest streaming,

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## THRILLING TALE OF VOLTURNO DISASTER IN WELSH COLLIERY

## Oil Ship's Arrival Saved Survivors

## Subdued Mountainous Seas With Deluge of Fluid

## Rescue Work Was Then Easy and Eleven Liners Soon Had the Terrified Passengers and Crew Safe on Board—Graphic Tales of Suffering and Death.

LA JON, Oct. 18.—The stories told by the passengers of the steamship Carmaria and other liners which went to the rescue of the burning Volturno, describe the heroic efforts in the face of almost insuperable difficulties to save the passengers and crew of the doomed ship.

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## LIBERALS WIN IN WESTMORLAND

## Municipal Elections Give Them Nine of the Fourteen Seats, One Being in Doubt

## ROADS THE ISSUE

Keen Dissatisfaction With Local Government Shown in Result of Contest—Liberals Gained Seven Seats and Are Jubilant.

Moncton, Oct. 14.—The Liberals carried off the honors with a rush in the municipal elections in Westmorland county today, and this winning as the returns came in the Conservatives are accusing one another of treachery or neglect and lamenting the fact that the political outlook for them is indigo blue.

The new county council will be strongly Liberal. The Liberals will have nine or ten of the seats, one being still in doubt tonight. In Moncton parish the Liberals having won easily.

The old council had but two Liberals in it. Today's contest shows a clean gain of at least seven Liberals, possibly eight. The returns by parishes:

Salisbury—Carter and Killam, two Liberals. This is a Liberal gain of one seat.

Moncton—Jones, Liberal; the second seat is in doubt. In the Liberal camp, the Conservatives and Bourgeois, Liberal, Saville—Campbell, Conservative, Ravett, Liberal. The defeat of Black in this parish has shaken the Conservatives. It has been long since Saville parish elected a Liberal.

Bedford—Allen and Gould, both Liberals; another gain of one. Westmorland—Siddall and Smith, both Conservatives, no change. Siddall had a tight squeak.

Dorchester—Hickman and Melanson, both Liberals, about 200 majority. The road administration was the issue mainly responsible for the Liberal victory, but of course there were other causes of dissatisfaction with the local government. Tonight Liberals are jubilant and they say good organization all over the province now would mean the defeat of the local government.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF WESTMORLAND MAN

Salisbury, N. B., Oct. 15.—Joseph W. Lewis, of Mount Eagle (a few miles from this village), died suddenly at his home this morning. He got up at his usual hour, did the chores about the place, had his breakfast, laid down on a lounge and died almost instantly. He had been troubled with a weak heart for some time.

The late Mr. Lewis was a blacksmith by trade and worked for many years in the United States. He was about 60 years of age and is survived by his wife; also by several brothers and sisters. Mrs. Guilford Leeman of Amherst and Mrs. Alexander Duncan of Lewis Mountain, are sisters; Abram Lewis of North River, Annapolis, is a brother. The late Mr. Lewis was a Baptist.

CITY HORSES SOLD TO GREAT ADVANTAGE AT AUCTION WEDNESDAY

Seven Animals Disposed of by Commission—High Prices Received—Others Placed in Good Hands.

Thursday, Oct. 16.—Seven horses from the fire stations were sold at auction yesterday morning in King street east, by Auctioneer Potts. The horses which were all owned by the city sold well, and as there was a large crowd present, bidding was pretty lively for a time.

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## 400 Believed Dead

## Explosion Shattered Mine with 931 Workmen in it—Rescue Parties Brought Out 500, Some of Whom May Die—Little Hope For the Others.

New York, Oct. 14.—A disaster, possibly the greatest in the history of the South Wales coal fields, whose annals are bristling with terrible catastrophes, occurred yesterday morning when an explosion in the Universal Colliery, near here.

Shortly after the day shift of 931 men entered the mine a great explosion shattered the works.

During the day and the early part of the night about 500 miners were brought to the surface alive. After midnight the rescuing parties began to get the fire under control, and at 2.30 o'clock this morning twenty more men were found alive at the bottom of the pit. This gave hope that others may be found, but there is still a probability that nearly 400 men perished.

Including the bodies recovered and those at the pit head the known death toll numbers sixteen. Doctors with oxygen and medicaments descended the shaft at an early hour this morning. A crowd of 40,000 distracted persons surrounded the pit head all night and into the day. Five thousand waited for news at the Cardiff station.

Hundreds Rescued.

An entrance was found, however, by way of an adjacent shaft, and on descending in this manner, the rescuing parties found the bodies of six of their comrades, who had been killed by being dashed by the explosion against the uprights supporting the galleries.

The rescuers, in the meantime, continued their search in remote galleries of the pit for others who might still be alive, and by noon had picked up and brought to the surface 500 men.

Pathetic scenes had been witnessed in the interval at the pithead, where the wives, children and other relatives of the missing men were waiting in thousands and waited in agony of suspense. This was only intensified when the first dead bodies were brought up from below. Women and children wept and clamored for news of those still in the pit.

A mine pit was struck by an explosion thirteen years ago and 120 miners lost their lives and only one of those below at the time was rescued alive.

The rescued miners, the members of the life saving gangs, and the officials of the mine declared this afternoon that they could not hold out much hope for those of the miners still below.

The men brought to the surface were found on the east side of the mine, where the ventilation remained fairly good, while on the west side, where the explosion occurred, fire soon added its terrors to the dread after-damp and the rescue parties were unable to make any progress into the mine.

The officials of the mine found it necessary to call a detachment of police to keep back the women and children, who were crowded round in the vain hope of obtaining some news of their relatives while the mine managers with the tears streaming from their eyes, replied to all enquiries: "There is little hope."

Most of the rescued men presented a pitiable appearance. Some of them were not expected to live, and nearly all of them were suffering from burns and shock or the effects of after-damp.

Does the C. P. R. Run Canada?

To the Editor of The Telegraph:—Sir, Having had the great pleasure of attending the two splendid meetings of the electors of the City of St. John held in the York Theatre, and having listened very attentively to all that was said at the first meeting, and the report of the delegation sent to Ottawa, I have come to the conclusion that an amendment of the British North American Act is now absolutely needed in order to give effect to the actual state of affairs as they exist in Canada today.

The position and duties of the governor general should be vested in the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The board of directors as elected at the company's annual meeting, should be the cabinet of Canada; the first vice-president, the prime minister; the divisional superintendents, appointed by the directors, the lieutenant governors; the divisional superintendents, appointed by the directors, the lieutenant governors; the divisional superintendents, appointed by the directors, the lieutenant governors.

It seems clear to me, having heard the report of our delegation, that the C. P. R. should be the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy is the real and actual president of the company. He should be given a place on the bench. He will probably be succeeded by L. T. Marchall, K. C. of Montreal.

Hon. Mr. Daniel will be given a judgeship, and Albert Scrimgeour, of Dorchester, is regarded as his most likely successor. Hon. Mr. Crothers will also go on the Ontario bench, and it is considered likely by "Don, A. J. Macdonald" that he will be brought in to succeed him. It is proposed to create a new department of health over which Hon. W. J. Roche, minister of the interior, will preside.

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## VOLTURNO CAPTAIN'S STORY OF DISASTER

## Sends Wireless Reports to Agents at New York—Graphic Tale of Desperate Battle With the Flames That Gradually Enveloped Most of the Liner—Stories of Crew and Male Passengers' Cowardice Refuted.

New York, Oct. 14.—Captain Francis Inch, whose steamer, the Volturno, was burned at sea, with the loss of 100 lives, told his story of the disaster tonight. It is a plain seaman's tale, but in its line by line, the horrors of the disaster and the terrible ordeal through which passengers and crew passed, are brought out all the more clearly, perhaps, because of the marked directness and simplicity with which the story is told.

From its beginning, where the outbreak of the fire which spelled the doom of the Volturno is recorded, the captain's story shows that it was even more a matter of life and death than the narrative runs through the apparent omission of any salient fact, but on to the point where the blazing ship was abandoned, the last remaining passenger taken off, and the captain and what was left of the crew boarded the waiting Kroomland, Captain Inch, however, does not say that the chief officer advised him to jump, but that he was himself jumping.

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