FEAR OF EXPLOSION DELAYS RESCUERS

FIRE RAGING WHERE MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

Few Offers to Reclaim Bodies From Darr Mine--"Sky Ferry" to Carry Dead.

Jacobs Creek, Dec. 21 .- In the short distance, rescuers were able to pene-trate the Darr mine, the scene of rsday's awful explosion last night. Half a dozen bodies were found and brought to the surface, making the total number that has reached the morgue up to this morning, 12.

While a vast amount of work was done during the night not much progress was made towards the entries in which the great mass of bodies are entombed. The danger of another explosion is imminent and the rescuing forces dare not venture far ahead of the erecting party. Vast quantities of gas have been encountered and the volume seems to be steadily increasing, due possibly to the opening of new fissures in the earth, resultant from the terrific explosion

There is also a strong suspicion, prompted by the waves of hot air that prompted by the waves of not air that are said to come from that direction, that flerce fire is already raging far tack in the workings and if the flames should reach the deposits of coal dust known to lie in the rooms, nothing could prevent a new catastrophe which would have the rescuers for victims. The company officials have ordered that exploring parties shall advance only as fast as the passage way can be cleared of gas, ventilated, and other-

wise made safe. So bad is the general idea of the connections in the mine, that, contrary to all precedents in mine disasters, there is no enthuslasm over joining the rescuers. There are few volunteers for the service and those who do enter are exercising the greatest

reliable estimates of the number of victims are near 200 there are several who insist that the final list of dead will contain many more names. Conbuous among these are Michael INTERESTING OUTCOME Hallahy, national organizer for the United Mine Workers of America, who has assumed charge of the situation

Mr. Hallahy says:
"I have made a house to house canvas among the families here and am certain that there are 300 dead men in the Darr mine." One of the greatest difficulties in the work of rescue is that experienced in bringing the bodies across the river to their homes, the only direct means of communication between the two points is the "Sky ferry," used by the miners. This is a basket car travelling on a cable, and will not hold a casket alone, not to mention the men that would have to accompany it to propel the car. There are bridges some miles cheered. Stoessel by Gen. Kuropatkin yesterday

and their attendants. Evidence of much suffering and distress among these dependent upon the victims, has already been disclosed, ing of Port Dalny destroyed the stratevictims, has already been disclosed, and steps have been taken to organize a relief committee. Mark Adams, said to be the son of wealthy and indulgent parents, living in New York, a young man just out of his teens is said to have met deeth in the mine. Three to have met death in the mine. Three in a letter to the Novoe Vremya. It is months ago Adams sought employment an interesting disclosure of excerpts as a day hand at the mines. He intended to leave for the East next Sunlight on the inner councils before the day. His body has not yet been re- war, and seeks to prove that Kuropat-

erazed by the death in the mine of his son and other relatives, ended his own Witte, after a tour of inspection in the life yesterday by drowning himself in Far East. General Kuropatkin in widower and leaves four small chil-

MINE WAGES IN PROVINCE.

Board of Conciliation Settling Differences Sits at Nelson

Nelson, Dec. 20 .- The arbitration and conciliation board, consisting of S. S. Taylor, K. C., of this city; Judge P. E. Wilson, Cranbrook, and J. A. Har ifferences between the Consolidated nations. Mining and Smelting Company and its wants a reduction in wages and the men object. The chief evidence taken reduction in wages and the men object. The chief evidence taken reduction in wages and the men object. The chief evidence taken reduction in wages and the men object. The chief evidence taken reduction in wages and the controversy promises sensative reduction reductio yesterday and to-day concerned the tional developments. scale of wages and the cost of living throughout the Kootenays.

CIVIL SERVICE SUCCESSES.

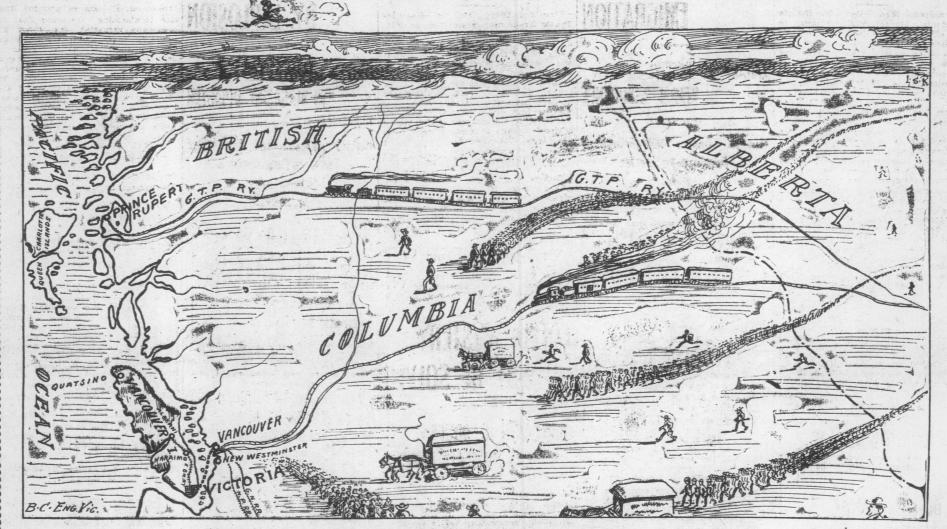
A. P. Huggett, of Victoria, One of Candidates Who Passed Examination.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.-The following passed successfully the civil service examinations in November: At Victoria, Huggett and Alfred Percy; at Vancouver, Clarke, Lewis Grant, Geo. A. McClellan, M. H. Reid, Q. S. Selwood, Archibald Trythall and Roy Watson.

GREAT ARMADA REPORTED.

On Board U. S. Connecticut, Dec. 20. (By Wireless to New York.)—At noon weather continues, with light winds.
The Missouri left the fleet this afternoon to land Fireman B. Northway,

CARBOLIC SUICIDE.



A BRIGHT PROSPECT

Attention Is Being Directed to B. C. as Never Before, and Tide of Immigration Is Setting This Way.

PREPAREDNESS

patkin of Misleading Government in Late War

accompany it to propel the car. There are bridges some miles above and below the mine but it would be almost impossible to haul the caskets across the country on either side of the river to and from the bridges. It may be decided to erect a "Sky ferry" on a larger scale to accommodate the coffins and their attendants.

Stoessel by Gen. Kuropatkin yesterday count being an opportunity to appear on the witness stand. Gen. Kuropatkin's testimony was to the effect that before the war with Japan he had recommended the abandonment of Port Arthur and the restoration of the Kwang Tung peninsula to the Chinese, who were to pay \$125,000,000 for it,

overed, but a summons has been sent kin was guilty of misleading the whole co his parents.

Cunard Schuth, 98 years of age,
Russia's preparedness for war.

mine. He was a written report to the Emperor said: "Two years ago we thought ourselves ready to defend the Amur region and North Manchuria. To-day we cannot only do that, but can be perfectly confident of the fate of Port Arthur.

Count Witte narrates that the site Port Dalney and the idea of creating a commercial port there were suggested by Kuropatkin himself as a means for restricting Port Arthur to military uses, and at the same time to a carry out the promise to open any ac-

WHERE THE CHILD WAS BORN.

Toronto, Dec. 20 .- On the train from obalt to Toronto, which arrived here this morning, Mrs. P. H. Fullerton, of New Liskeard, who was coming to the city, gave birth to a child in the statem of one of the Pullman cars. There was a physician on board, and mother and child were doing well when the train reached the city.

WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS HERE. E. Ussher, C. P. R. Passenger Traffic

Manager, En Route For Victoria.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.-C. E. E. Usshe to-day the United States battleship passenger traffic manager of the C. P fleet is 180 miles north by northwest R., left for Victoria, B. C., this even of the Island of St. Thomas. Fine ing on a Christmas visit to his family who are spending the winter there.

> TO SETTLE IN PROVINCE. Portage La Prairie, Dec. 20.-John R. McDonald, one of the old timers of the

Seattle Lad Now in Custody For Running Away and Carrying Gun.

Two boys, Willam McFadden and William McMurray were yesterday taken in charge by the provincial potaken in charge by the provincial police. It seems that they ran away from Salt Spring, taking a boat in which to cross the strait. They also brought away two guns, which, it is alleged, were not paid for by them.

McMurray is a Seattle boy, and he is supposed to be the leader of the pair. He is being held by the provincial police while the other lead has been taken.

lice, while the other lad has been taker back to the island by his father, who followed him to the city. The police have not yet decided what to do with the boy. His mother lives in Seattle, and he also has relatives in this city He is about 15 years of age, and when ted was found to have a revolve

G. T. R. AND PENNY RATE. Ottawa, Dec. 20.-The G. T. R. will apply to parliament for the repeal of the penny a mile rate between Monreal and Toronto, imposed in the original charter.

LINDSAY NOMINEE.

Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 20 .- The Conservatives of Victoria and Halburton unanimously nominated Colonel Sam Hughes as their candidate for the next

ROOSEVELT REGARDS TROUBLE AS OVER

Orders Withdrawal of Troops From Go'dfield---Consternation **Among Mine Owners**

Washington, Dec. 20. - President posevelt to-day directed the withdrawal of the United States troops sta-tioned at Goldfield, Nev., on Monday,

Goldfield. Nev. Dec. 20.—The Goldfield Mine Owners' Association refused to day to recognize the Western Federation of Miners as a labor organization deal with the local miners' union as

Fifty strike-breakers arrived from vey, Cranbrook, appointed to settle the quired Chinese port to the trade of all California to-day. They were in charge of detectives and guides, and were Count Witte multiplies instances of taken to the temporary boarding hou employees at the St. Eugene mine and mill at Moyie, East Kootenay, completed its labors here to-day and recase. He also accuses him of not have

President Roosevelt's order removing the federal troops from Goldfield on December 30th to-day caused consternation among the mine owners and the residents of Goldfield. The news was eceived at noon, and during the after n conferences were held by Capt. ov, the representative of Governor Sparks in Goldfield; Colonel Reynolds, commanding the federal troops, and hensive that trouble will come when the troops depart, and there will be market and the source of credit great pressure brought to bear on the would migrate to New York. resident to countermand his order, at

their utmost to maintain peace.

PRINCE ALBERT DEBENTURES.

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 20.—The ale of \$160,000 of city debentures to remarkable instinct, he declared. the Imperial Bank was concluded to-

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

WILL LAY OUT

HATLEY PARK TO BE A BEAUTIFUL PLACE

James Dunsmuir Is Having Preliminary, Work Done--Plans Not Completed.

Already Hon. James Dunsmuir has nmenced work on laying out his new estate on the Lagoon opposite Esquimalt. The estate known as Hatley Park was purchased some little time ago, as announced in the Times. It contains 230 acres and is admirably situated for the purposes to which Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir will devote it.

While the plans for the laying out of

About thirty-two men are engaged learing away a part which had been leared of timber some time ago. The umps are being removed and pre arations are in progress looking to he occupation of the estate next year resent time with wooded lands, which abound in grouse and pheasants. It will be an easy matter, therefore, to carry out a scheme by which the game may be increased in large numbers. The plans for the residence to be pu ip are not completed yet, but the romise is that a model home will be built. Field granite may possibly be used in some of the lower stories, with trimmings of Australian stone, which lends itself readily to ornamentation. The interior will be of the very best type. In the hands of landscape garners the estate will, it is fully expected, become the best appointed in

ne province. At present a body of men are engaged Contractor Catterall on the founda tions. The plans are being prepared by S. McClure, architect.

CREDIT SYSTEMS OF ANGLO-SAXONDOM

Secretary of War Haldane Dealt With Hoard ng Instinct in United States.

Edinburgh, Dec. 20.-In a speech to night Richard Burton Haldane, secre- tendent Price will arrive in the city on tary of state for war, compared the British and American credit systems, with the other officials of the road rerepresentatives of the miners. The people of Goldfield are greatly apprehaving reference to the prophesies of a garding his division, Mr. Haldane said that the Americans

east as to a portion of the federal had just shown an instinct for hoard-roops. The union leaders say they will do no reserves. In Great Britain, on the contrary, money was being placed in the banks and thence with the Bank Route. While Mr. Sifton has nothing of England, creating a reserve on which to say for publication, it is understood the credit of the whole world depends. That was the remarkable outcome of a Perhaps it was just because the

British government did not superintend the country's credit arrangements that the decision regarding the appointment the arrangements were the most suc-CARBOLIC SUICIDE.

McDonald, one of the old timers of the plains who is leaving to reside in British Columbia, was given a banquet at the Albion hotel by his many friends. Toronto Junction, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid to-day.

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Non-Coms. of the Fifth Regiment Held

First of a Series of Meetings. (From Saturday's Daily.) At the drill hall last evening the sergeants' mess of the Fifth Regiment

held their first debate. This is to be a feature of the winter months, and a feature of the winter months, and last evening gave promise of an excellent series. The debate last night was on the sub-

ject of whether the drill hall was the most suitable place in the city in which to hold athletic events. Co. Sergt.-Major Caven presided,

and the subject was debated in all its nany aspects. On the conclusion of the discussion it was decided that the drill hall was the best place for sports.

GLACE BAY FINANCE.

rrent that an investigation into the financial affairs of the town of Glace Bay will shortly take place, and that the Burchill Coal Company, which is the largest taxpayer in town, will be the party to ask for the enquiry. It is thought that the whole period since the the property have not been completed, some work is already in progress.

town became incorporated will be covered by the proposed inquiry. ered by the proposed inquiry.

IMPROVEMENTS IN PACIFIC DIVISION

Conference of C. P. R. Officials Concludes at Winn'peg--Directors Meet Early Next Month

Winnipeg, Dec. 20 .- The conference

respect to the appropriations that are to be made with respect to the Pacific will not be made public until a similar livisions for the next season were com- vote has been taken in Phoenix, It is pleted yesterday afternoon, and Su-perintendent Busteed left last night for being brought nearer together and that Vancouver. The matter of the proposed expenditure has been set forth during the past three days, by Superintendent Busteed and Divisional Engineer Cartwright, and submitted to Mr. Whyte, who, it is understood, has approved of many important improveients to be completed next year. Mr. Whyte, however, will leave for Montreal to be present at the general meet ing of the directors early in the new year, and the whole matter of appropriations to be made over the entire ivision will come up for consideration. No announcement of what is to be done will be made until after the hold ing of the general meeting. The Pa cific division over which Mr. Busteed has jurisdiction during the past two years, will, during the coming year, be given its share, and General Superin-

ALL RED ROUTE.

Clifford Sifton Returns to Ottawa From His Mission in England.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.-Hon. Clifford Sifton eturned from England to-day where 'FRISCO'S NEW ARCHBISHOP.

Rome. Dec. 21.-It is expected that

INSANE TORTURED

WITH CALLOUS CRIMES

Imbeciles and Weak Patients Selec ed, Said Witness--Hanging One Form of Punishment

New York, Dec. 21,-Stories of the hear the alleged cruelties to insane patients by ion government station at Pachen attendants were told yesterday in the It was the first message sent out if earing of the commission appointed Pachena and I was astonished to fi by Governor Hughes to investigate con- that the message came as distin

careful to practice their brutalities up- sound dispels the belief that long-di on the weak patients and upon imbe- tance messages over mountain

Dr. McCarthy described "hanging" as a method of torture. He said the process was to tie a towel around a patient's neck and twist it until the victim was on the verge of suffocation, not on, and I was unable to sen witness declared that there were message of congratulation to little or no provocations for the at- operator

McCarthy related that an attendant on one occasion struck a patient on the chin with a bottle. The patient's jaw was broken by the blow. In forty-one passengers came up on he The hearing was adjourned until to-

GRANBY DEADLOCK.

Grand Forks, Dec. 19 .- At a meeting and Elsie Murray. For Vancouverof the Labor union held here last even-ling a vote was taken on the question Lamont, Miss M. McIntosh, Mis the local offices of the C. P. R. with of going back to work at reduced Knight and Mrs. Elsie Murray.

RUMORED FLEET FOR ESQUIMALT

Asservation of London Paper I Denied by the British Adm ralty.

London, Dec. 21 .- According to the Standard to-day the admiralty has decided to establish next May a Pacific and a North Atlantic squadro quimalt. London, Dec. 21.—The Associated

Press is in a position to state on the authority of the British admiralty that there is no truth in the assertion pub-lished in the Standard to-day that the admiralty has decided to establish next May a Pacific and North Atlantic squadron, the base of which probably would be for the former at Esquimalt.

OIL IN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT.

Edmonton, Dec. 20.-Count von Hamrstein and party, from the Fort Mc- lections. Murray oil fields, arrived in the city from Athabasca Landing to-day. They have been boring for oil in the Peace ment River district all year,

PUEBLA WAS

'FRISCO LINER HOVE-TO TWICE ON TRIP

Wireless Operator on Board Pachena Seven Hundre Miles Overland

(From Saturday's P Ending the longest Coast Steamship Company's City of Puebla came to the or at 9:30 o'clock this morning and a half hours from San As reported by wireless from sel to the Dominion gove ion at Gonzales hill, the Pu into a terrific hurricane on Th when off Cape Blanco and, battling with the wind and sea for eral hours, was hove to off Necet. Head at 10 p. m. Capt. Shea and his officers were kept continually the tumultuous seas as if it eather. A delay of seven slight moderation in the wea and the Puebla started north again making a little over half her use

peed against the wind.
At 5 p. m. last night the wind ag ncreased to a hurricane and the st ship was once more hove to, this t off Destruction Island until 8 All night long the Buebla fought the elements, and it was not til o'clock this morning that she p Tatoosh into the shelter of the st

The officers characterize the the roughest in their experience are loud in their praises of Capt. for his caution and judgment. fidence in the ship's officers pre little alarm at the exceptionally

The advantages conferred nipping world by wireless to vere admirably illustrated on the . R. Lytle, the Massie operato ola, keeping the agents in Vic nd Seattle posted on the have been felt for the steamsh surances of her safety were given the agents and the public.

Mr. Lytle was the first opera speak to the Dominion govern rireless station at Gonzales hill eing at that time operator on He was also the first

municate with the n tion on Monday night Lytle told of the la she was lying at

ling. The call was exce 1 and I was surprise message, "This is the Do ditions in the Manhattan state hospital at Edward Island. state hospital at Edward Island. tal at Edward Island.

Dr. John McCarhy, a former attendant, said the attendants were always careful to practice their hyperalities are sending messages. At the time t

The Puebla brought a fairly lar

of whom twenty debarked here. The saloon passengers landing were: For Victoria-W. B. Fletche A. Hawey, R. Angus, E. Wood, Weber, T. E. O'Connell, J. F. Robin

GERMAN COURT SCANDAL Emperor Seeks Information at Secre Session of Harden-Von Moltke

Trial. Berlin, Dec. 20.-Emperor William who is following the evidence taken the Harden-Von Moltke libel suit wit the utmost attention, to-day sent Der Hoelle, of the Fusiliers, as a spe cial representative in order to secur

The judges decided to permit the leutenant to remain in court when th remainder of the public was exclude and he was thus enabled to obtain the details of the trying ordeal whi Prince Philip Zu Eulenberg underw during the secret session this after noon, when he remained three hou on the witness stand. Owing to the utter exclusion of the press and the public from the sessi and the close secrecy observed by statements on which reliance car

aced were obtainable regarding testimony adduced. BRITISH IMMIGRANTS

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—English immig George's Society to-night. A re papers expressing confidence in B migrants for farm work, but nouncing interested agents and w or fall shipments of indiscriminat

VITROL VICTIM.

Toronto, Dec. 20.-The contents

LOSS OF LIFE IN DARR DISAS

THIRTY BODIES HAVE BEEN RECO

Over 200 Miners Entombed plosion--Riotous Scenes bauchery Among Surviv

Rescue Work Slow. The rescuers report that the of the mine is badly damaged. advance they are compelled to much of the bracing that h blown out, and a great deal of is necessary to allow ventil remote sections. There is a of many of the supplies nee such conditions and the work rescuers will of necessity

slowly. The distance from the mou to, be about three miles, a thought many of the bodies found nearly at the end of the

Many Bodies Located. Up to 11 o'clock to-day but six had been removed from the Da the scene of the yesterday, terr

Many more had been located. work of the rescuers is prog well with the fans working and in the mine, it is thought the r of the bodies is merely a n

The number of men entor the explosion occurred is sti tain, but there is no reason the earlier estimate of at least members of troop "A," of the constabulary, who arrived du morning, were at once placed at the mines to keep back th which began to gather at day explanation than that plosion was due to gas has b

DROWNED IN CABIN. Captain and Wife Victims

Ocean-Going Barge Sank Hudson River. New York, Dec. 20.—The ocea barge Annie B. Neville sank Hudson river just off the Batt terday. Jerry Van Halen, cap the barge, and his wife, were dr The bodies were taken from the last night.