12 o'clock (noon) Williams came for the struments, and I asked him to inspect everything and satisfy himself that verything was in good condition before signed the inventory. At his request informed him which wire to put to the ound. After signing and certifying hat everything was in good condition, he aced the instruments in the box and nediately took them away. I mailed he inventory to Mr. Henderson, and with e in his possession he should know that the instruments were in good condiwhen Williams received them. Dur-our term of office we had no difficulty th any of the other operators on the ne. and Williams' statement in regard me being all false, his other state. its pertaining to the line cannot be relied upon. Thanking you for the space.

am, yours truly,
D. A. M'MILLAN. Parksville, B.C., Jan. 31st, 1898.

THE RIGHT MAN FOR SPEAKER To the Editor: Is the rumor true that Mr. Higgins will resign the Speakership? Also, is it true that if there is vacancy the seat will be offered to Mr. of Lillooet, or Mr. Booth, of North Victoria? These are important nestions, and they must be answered on. The people of the east coast are nxiously watching the movement, and bouth Nanaimo for one will enter a protest against either Mr. Booth or Mr. Smith getting the coveted position, while capable man like Dr. Walkem is avail-

The doctor during the last session lowed himself to be a thoroughly inependent member. His election as peaker would give great satisfaction to e opposition, while it would be creditble to the government. If he should not be called on the east coast will know ie reason why

BLACK DIAMOND. Nanaimo, Jan. 28th, 1898.

After a Short, but Hot and Decisive Contest.

The Enemy Driven Out-Dodd's Kidney Pills the Victor-Mr. Cillean Tested Them, and They Proved True and Steadfast Friends.

Amherstburg, Ont., Feb. 2.-James R. Gillean, proprietor of the Lakeview Hotel, here, is one of the happiest men in town. For some years past he has been in very poor health, and has been great sufferer from Kidney Disease. In spite of all that medical skill and numerous remedies could do, Mr. Gillean grew gradually worse. His sufferings inreased, and there seemed to be no hope of curing the disease.

One day a friend called to see him. and advised him to try Dodd's Kidney ills, telling him that they had cured number of cases of which he knew. and which were all worse than Mr. Gilean's. The latter procured a box and so much good did it do him, that he ought three more. These cured him old quite a reception, every day, so nany friends call to congratulate him on his happy recovery.

Dodd's Kidney Pills are astonishing the medical fraternity daily, by their narvelous success in cases of Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Rheumatism, Lum-Sciatica, Gravel, Urinary Froubles, Female complaints, Blood, mpurities, and all other Kidney Disases. Many physicians in this district rescribe them in their practice, always with the best results.

Kidney Diseases cannot resist the action of Dodd's Kidney Pills, which are the only cure on earth for such diseases. Dodd's Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists at 50 cents a box, six boxes for \$2.50, or will be sent on receipt of price by the Dodds Medicine Compung, imited, Toronto.

VIOLATING METALLURGICAL ACT

Says the Nanaimo Free Press: short time since it came to the ears of Dr. Walkem, M.P.P. that a number of Chinese, unprovided with the necessary mining licenses, which are so carefully exacted from white miners, were workng at the Van Anda mine, and that this company were working Chinese below ground against the provisions of the act. Dr. Walkem at once communicated with the minister of mines, insisting upor steps being taken, not only to collect the licenses, but also to punish the manager of the Van Anda or his agent for

working Chinamen below grounds. Col. Baker at once directed Mr. Bray to take the necessary proceedings in conformity with Dr. Walkem's request Last Tuesday Constable McIndoo was dispatched with the necessary information ready drawn to be sworn to before the local J. P., Dr. Forbes, should the necessary evidence be forthcoming. He obtained the necessary evidence to secure conviction, but Dr. Forbes refused to take the information, although Mr. Bray nformed him in a letter by the hands t the constable that the prosecution was at the instance of the minister of mines Constable McIndoo returned to Na na mo via Vancouver on Saturday nigh and reported the result of his mis to Mr. Bray, and who in turn reported to Col. Baker. Dr. Walken also wrote to the minister of mines again insiting if the prosecution being carried out, and the collection of the licenses also attend ed to. It is said that Dr. Forbes is domiciled on Van Anda property, hence his disinclination to receive the informa-

Little Katie-Papa, what did you sal to mamma when you made up you mind you wanted to marry her? Mr. Meeker (visibly reluctant)-I said "yes," dear,-Chicago Tribune.

A Practical Mind.-"Those opposition fellows at Columbus received a decide

"What was the amount?"-Clevelan

physician in the city,

A place for physicians to emigrate is the city of Hamah, south of Aleppo Though it contains, 60,000, inhabitan among whom diseases of the eye, in particular, are rampant, there is not a sing

GREAT FIRE AT WINNIPEG

The Prairie City's Best and Most Central Business Structure Now Blackened Ruins.

The Criterion Block Also Gone-Ten Stores and a Hundred Offices Destroyed.

Winnipeg, Feb. 2.-Fire started this morning about 7 o'clock in the drygoeds store of Mackay Bros. & Norris the McIntyre Block, the largest block Main street. The fire brigade were anable to check it, and soon the block was in flames, and by ten o'clock only a few tottering, blackened walls remained of Winnipeg's best and most central business structure. The fire also spread to the Criterion block, and it was also

Ten stores and over a hundred offices with all their contents were consumed Practicaly nothing was saved.

The firemen's efforts were directed to prevent the fire from spreading to the oundee block, on the south side, ocupied by J. Robinson & Co., drygoods, and their efforts were successful. The principal losers are as follows: McIntyre block, \$200,000. Thos. Horte, jeweller, \$8,000.

A. G. Morgan, boots and shoes \$20,-

Alex. Taylor, stationer, \$5,000. George Velie & Co., liquors, \$15,000. James Payne wall paper, \$5,000. J. Erzinger, tobacconist, \$1,500. James Furner, milliner, \$18,000. Mackay Bros. & Norris, \$25,000.

Criterion block, \$35,000. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000 and insurance at \$300,000. It is impossible at present to obtain the names of the insurance companies erested, but all the principal compan-

es are heavy losers. The fire is supposed to have been caused by an electric light wire. No accidents or loss of life are report-

UNIQUE CITIZEN DEAD. Once Tortured With Hot Irons By

Chicago, Feb. 1 .- Allen Fairbank, of Weaton, Ill., is dead, and in his death that town lost a most unique citizen. Horse trader, accumulator of stocks, bonds and mortgages, miser-he left berule of his life was rigid economy.

Banks to him were institutions not to self, his wife or the housekeeper. Two Mr. Helmcken had with him Mr. Gordon trangers passed a night with Fairbanks Hunter and Mr. E. M. Yarwood appeared years ago. He told them he was for the New Vancouver Coal Company, hat he kept his money in the house. nied by several other men. They nanded Fairbank's money.

The miser refused to comply or to show hem the hiding place. Hot irons applied his bare feet failed to open his mouth. hey tried his wife, with the same re-Similar torture brought out the ecret from Dora, the housekeeper, and villians got away with \$12,000 in ernment bonds and about \$1,300 in rency. The robbers were captured, nd Fairbanks recovered most of the oney and all of the bonds.

DIVORCE COMES SOON. Swift ater Bill's Honeymoon Did Not

Hold Out. "Swiftwater Bill," whose right name W. C. Gates, has had a brief matrimial experience. His actress wife has eft him and a divorce will soon follow. She was a variety actress when Gates ied her last December, at San Fran-He was recommended to the litdancer by her sister, to whom Gates said to have offered a bucket of gold he would become his wife.

Mrs. Gates left her rooms in the Baldwin hotel, San Francisco, last Wednesly night, and has not been seen since. ing the afternoon of Wednesday she ed an attorney and consulted him ming a divorce. It is understood a financial settlement

as been made by Gates, and that he will not contest the divorce proceedings. ates recently bought the Henshaw erty in Oakland, Cal., and is now the d of an Alasakn company in which eral Oaklanders are interested.

RESIDENCE BURNED.

Washington, Feb. 1.-The home of rs. W. C. Hill, formerly of Seattle, ding tour. burned to the ground last night. oss is estimated at \$25,000. Mrs. n H. Lewis, of Seattle, son-in-law of runks were packed. They started Seattle last night.

hreeRivers. Que., Feb. 2.-The elec-H. Leduc, Liberal M.P. for Niis been protested. lived on Jackson street, her frozen stiff. publishers of the Templar are proto erect a new \$50,000 building

THE MONEY FOUND ON THEM.

Boston, Feb. 1.-Cnief Inspector Watts has received a telegram from the police of Regina, N.W.T., who have in custody Abraham Tebbit, a leather commission merchant of this city, who is charged with embezzlement, and his wife, stating that bonds, money and jewelry amounting to nearly \$25,000, have been recovered. When the officers searched Mrs. Tebbit, \$5,000 in bonds, \$1,300 in cash and several diamond rings and other jewelry were found. About \$1,050 in cash was found on Tebbit, together with a gold watch, a diamond and other jewelry and two tickets for Vancouver. Both prisoners will be held in Regina until officers arrive.

at the Paris Exposition of 1900.

Navigation on the Stikine, Hootalingua and Yukon Rivers To Be Improved.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.-When the estimates are brought down it will be found that mand. England, with her vast naval due provision had been made for Canada strength and enormous resources, has against the company. Some young men to take her proper place at the Paris exposition of 1900. There will be an appropriation for the sending of a commissioner to make arrangements. The minister of agriculture desires to co-operate with the provinces in this matter. Possibly one or two of the provinces may send special representatives to Paris on their own account.

The government will send an expedition to the Stikine, Hootalingua and Yukon rivers in the spring to improve the navigation of all three streams by which the bulk of the Yukon traffic will go next

The report that Julius Scriver, M.P. for Huntingdon, Que., has been appointed Lieut.-Governor of the Northwest is Miss Maycock, toys and fancy goods. not correct. Mr. Scriver was offered the position some time ago but refused it. M. C. Cameron, M.P. for West Huron, is mentioned for the office.

nickel industries of Canada interviewed the government yesterday to ask for the imposition of an export duty on nickel and copper ores. The government were assured that if an export duty were imposed an immediate arrangement could be made for erecting refineries and furnaces in Canada. They promised careful consideration. The speakers of both houses are here,

senators and members have arrived. All trains are late on account of the bitterly cold weather prevailing. The list of Supreme court appeals for

but owing doubtless to the storm few

the coming term is smaller than usual. SURVEY TO BE ALLOWED.

Argument Respecting the Right to Mine Under the Sea. The E. & N. Railway Company vs. hind him a bunch of property worth New Vancouver Coal Company proceedsomething like \$400,000. For years and ings, came up before Mr. Justice Wal- with the Canadian forces. years he lived in a little cottage without kem in chambers this morning. Mr. of even ordinary comfort. The Peoley appeared in support of a summons asking that the plaintiffs be allowed to inspect and survey the defendant's worktrusted, and he kept his possessions ings in the coal mine at Nanaimo, ophome. Mortgages, bonds and stocks posite the Newcastle townsite. Mr. Bodsecreted in nooks known only to him- well was associated with Mr. Pooley.

h; that he had no faith in banks and and opposed the granting of the order. On behalf of the plaintiffs Mr. Pooley In the morning they went away. Two put in an affidavit by James Dunsmuir, weeks later they returned masked and in which he said the plaintiffs claimed the right to the coal in dispute, and he identified their property by certain marks and points on a map prepared by Mr. Pinder, but which was not sworn to in any way. Archibald Dick's affidavit showed the spot on the map where the coal is being mined by defendants. By the deed of crown grant under the great seal of Canada to the plaintiffs, dated 21st April, 1887, they are granted the foreshore rights and the right to work

coal under the sea opposite their lands. Mr Helmcken submitted that the material was insufficient and that the order could not be made until the pleadings

were in. His Lordship said he would grant the order for inspection subject to a proper affidavit verifying plans and showing the ground ceded to the plaintiff under the great seal of Canada. Such an affidavit will be filed to day and the defendants are to be at liberty to cross-examine the witness as to the plans, etc.

In the meantime no work is to be done on the disputed ground: WHITE WOMAN WEDS AN INDIAN.

Great Falls, Mont., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Minnle Cushman, a white woman and teacher in the Fort Shaw schools, was clandestinely married to Garrott White, a full-blood Piegan indian, at Dupuyer yesterday. The bride is a daughter of C. C. Bateman, chaplain of the United States army at fort Belknap, and formerly of Fort Assinboine. She is a handsome brunette 26 years old, and has been in the employ of the government since she was ten years old. Weeks ago the couple applied for a marriage license here, but it was refused. They then proceeded to the Blackfoot agency, where Major Fuller deelined them marriage. Tuesday they drove to a ranch near Dupuyer, where they were met by a no-Great Falls, Mont., Feb. 1 .- Mrs. Minnie Dupuyer, where they were met by a no-tary, and it is alleged that he under a mis-representation secured them a license. The ceremony was performed by a justice of the peace. She has deserted her post, and her husband has gone east on a wee

PREACHER'S DAUGHTER ELOPES. loss is estimated at \$25,000; Mrs. and her family escaped, and the volucier fire department saved a number aluable books and paintings. Willer H. Lewis, of Seattle, son-in-law of Hill, who, with his wife and childwas stopping at Rockville, had planto return to Seattle to-day, and amately saved all their effects, as frunks were packed. They started

WITNESSED A BULL FIGHT. CANADIAN NEWS.

Rivers, Que., Feb. 2.—The electric H. Leduc, Liberal M.P. for Nies been protested.

Some protested provided for them by Acting Captain General Parrado, The attraction was Mazzuntini, Spain's most celebrated build fighter.

R. H. Matson, general manager in Canada of the Provident Life Insurance Co., and father of S. H. Matson, the British Columbin manager, arrived last evening from

WHAT IS GREAT BRITAIN'S GAME

The London Press Comment in Severe Terms Upon Her Alleged Backdown in China.

The Globe's Caustic Criticism-An Official Statement Regarding the Negotiations.

London, Feb. 2.—The afternoon papers to day comment in the most severe terms upon the alleged withdrawal of Great Canada Is To Be Properly Represented the port of Tahen-wan. Some of them off. They knew their bearings and had refuse to credit the report, and the Globe

> "No wonder if opponents of the ministry regard it as a national humiliation, when its supporters are unable to find a reasonable excuse for it. The public was led to believe that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach and other cabinet ministers meant what they said, so the ministers have only themselves to blame if they lose prestige at home and abroad through the withdrawal of the Talien-wan deisters only play it with the necessary

An official statement on the subject, just issued, is as follows: "No communication can at present be published concerning the time of the Talien-wan report, or the negotiations absolutely confidential. Many telegrams from China contain statements not only going far beyond the government's information, but, in some instances, quite at variance with known facts.'

COLONEL SAM HUGHES. Relates His Australian Experiences-

Possibilties for Trade.

Amongst the passengers by the War-rimoo was Colonel Sain Hughes, M.P., STORMS RAGE ON A large deputation representing the who has spent a month in the land of the Southern Cross, having passed through here last November. In an interview with a representative of the News Advertiser, Col. Hughes said that he had visited New Zealand, New South Wales and Victoria, and was greatly pleased with his trip, besides having learned a great deal. A "go-ahead" spirit was manifest everywhere in Australia, while the people were all thoroughly loyal and British to the core. At the time of his visit there was much excitement over the Chinese question, and the probable declaration of war. Each colony was, however, prepared to stand or fall by the Mother Land, had war been declared. The defences of all the great ports were in thorough order, and no foreign fleet could realily capture any important city. The militia and volunteer forces too are very efficient and are exceptionally well paid as compared

When asked his views on the confederation question, Colonel Hughes said other Australian colonies will not be accomplished for a few years yet. Owing to the approaching conference on the confederation question there is not much agitation at present over preferential trade in Britain and the colonies, but everywhere business men, mechanics and farmers seem greatly to favor it. All classes, too, seem to strongly support colonial representation in the Imperial

In speaking of trade between Australia and Canada, Colonel Hughes paid a high tribute to Mr. J. S. Larke, the Canadian commissioner to the Australian colonies. Owing to his judicious efforts, as well as to the enterprise of Canadian manufacturers and the Canadian Pacific Railway officers, there is a great volume of trade-from Canada thither, but the return cargoes are light. Colonel Hughes made special inquiries as to what could be brought with advantage to Canada from the Australian colonies, and found that hides, raw furs, wool, canned meats canned fruits, raw sugar, butter and frozen meat could readily be imported into Canada to fully better advantage than similar commodities are now brought in from other countries. He also found many lines of exports wherein Canadians could successfully compete, which are now totally neglected. Both Germany and France are energetic in catering for Australian trade, those nations having established a firm foothold by the establishment of

lines of large steamers. Wellington and Auckland, in New Zealand, Sydney in New South Wales, and Melbourne in Victoria, have, Col. Hughes said, magnificent harbors. The population of Sydney and Melbourne is about half a million each. The trade of such magnificent centres should attract every Canadian exporter. The Americans are hard in the race, and a line of steamers is about to be started from New York to Sydney. Vancouver naturally holds the key to the situation and her merchants and shippers should

see that she retains the lead.

In many centres, Col. Hughes said, he found that Canadian products were greatly handicapped by the slovenly way in which packages were put up or goods finished. For example, a Winnipeg firm sent some hams to Sydney, which were opened in his presence. The canvas was rough, the packing dirty, and the meal ! was not properly taken from the oat halls used, so became imbedded in the hams and turned mouldy and black, while the hams, though deliciously sweet to tatse, were soft and looked very inferior. Other Canadian hams, shipped by way of Glasgow, were opened side by side with the Winnipeg products, and were most attractive in -very respect. The complaint seemed general in many imports of untidy packing and rough finish." This should not be, for it will require much time and many sacrifices

to remove prejudice once created. "III At Suva, in Fiji, he found a great de sire on the part of the business men to open up trade with Vancouver. Mr. A. Joske, the chief business man of the

early date to enquire into possibilities of trade. He saw splendid pine-apples, of most delicious flavor, but only about half the size of the Hawaiian pine, sold in Suva Market for five cents a dozen, the usual price being ten cents. The Hawaiian pines are 15 cents each. All

handling these fruits could be disposed of far into the interior of Canada. Speaking of the Warrimoo, Colonel Hughes referred to her seaworthiness and said that though, of course, not very fast, she was a good 14 knot vessel. Her officers, too, are a superior lot. Commander Hay bears a splendid name everywhere for being a thorough business man and a magnificent seaman. As examples of seamanship he and Second Officer Hammon had brought the Warrimoo into Suva, Fiji, and and into Sydney Heads on the down trip in the midst of darkness and fogs, which prevented

other fruits are correspondingly cheap

Britain's demands for the opening of objects from being discerned half a mile such a perfect knowledge of the intricacies of the localities that they were not out a boat's length. With fast steamers on this route much more round-the-world is a rumor that the North German Lloyd people will place fast steamers on the San Francisco-Sydney route at an early date, so Vancouver must not be behind

> onies over the Klondike. The miners regard it as the field for the individual as and showing Klendike views in abundance. They also gave lime light views of scenes en route and created much favorable comment.

When questioned regarding Canadian affairs, Col. Hughes replied by asking for information. On having the outline as a whole. Negotiations thus far are of the Yukon railway scheme of Messrs. McKenzie & Mann explained to him, he expressed himself pleased that an all Canadian route had been selected. and hoped that ultimately the railway might be extended to a deep-water Canadian terminus. He also declared his belief that no better men could control the construction than Messrs. McKenzie & Mann.

Great Britain Suffers to a L ke Extent With the Storm-Bound New England States.

Immense Damage Done in Boston, New York and the Surrounding Towns.

New York, Feb. 2.- This is the coldest day of the season. The temperature, and will never be recovered by Canadian which fell gradually yesterday afternoon traders and manufacturers. It must be and last night, registered five degrees above zero at 8 a.m. to-day, a drop of 32 kon was suddenly created and the gov-degrees since 2 p.m. yesterday. At 1 ernment had made a sudden provision o'clock it had risen 2 points. Thermometers in the street, however, showed a considerable lower record, many registergency enterprise and must be built and at

ing only two degrees above zero. East and North rivers are full of ice and ferry boats are much delayed on this account. Surface and electric railroads are considerably behind time, and local traffic considerably congested. The Third avenue cable has broken down. Suburban traffic is also delayed.

Trains from the north, northwest and west are all overdue. The New York and finally made with Mackenzie & Central reported trains from Boston two army and navy, and are quite willing to hours late. That city is still shut off from communication with the outer 'An occasional telephone message world. was the only exception to this rule. Ships and docks are covered with ice

> treme winter on hand. At the hospitals there are many cases of frozen feet, fingers and limbs. Surgeons are kept busy fixing bones broken by falls on the slippery streets. London, Feb. 2.-Storms are prevailing throughout Great Britain and railroad

> and there is every evidence of an ex-

trains, owing to the difficulty of proceeding against the wind, are greatly impeded. Severe gales have swept the coast and worse weather is predicted for to-night, with severe cold. Lloyds report at 9 a.m. says: "Terrific

squalls are reported at Prawle Point and the Lizard." Atmospheric disturbances are reported and considerable damage of property, especially at Teplitz. The gale which prevailed at Vienna

since Sunday, reaching a hurricane force on Sunday night, is now subsiding. The gale blew down the lantern at Little Crosby lighthouse and set lifre to the building, which was destroyed. The three occupants are supposed to have perished. A hurricane, accompanied by a drench-

ing rain, is sweeping over the city and district since yesterday evening. A number of yachts were sunk at Godrock bay, much damage to shipping off the coasts and considerable destruction was caused Boston, Feb. 2.-The financial loss caused by the great storm which swept

down upon the greater part of New England Monday night and yesterday will amount in this city alone, it is estimated, o \$1,000,000. Up to 11 o'clock to-day this city has ot established connection by telegraph

with the rest of the country. A single telephone line to Worcester is the only means of communication with the rest of WANTS MURPHY TO RESIGN. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 1.-Assemblyman

Weeks, of New York city, startled the

assembly yesterday by a resolution cen-

suring and requesting the resignation of

Edward Murphy Jr., senior United

States senator from this state, for vot-

ing for the Teller silver resolution. The resolution went over with the understanding that it be made a special order for 8:30 o'clock on Monday evening.

London, Feb. 2.-Beauchamp John Henry Scott, sixth earl of Clonmell, is island, proposes visiting Canada at an formerly captain of the Scots Guards.

COL. DOMVILLE MAKES A KICK

in Fiji. With cold storage and efficient Comes Out Strengly for the Government Bargain for the Teslin Lake Railway.

> Favors the Edmonton Route-Sir William Van Horne Approves of the Scheme.

Montreal, Feb. 2.-Licut.-Col. Domville, M.P., has come out strongly against the government bargain for the Yukon railway. Col. Doniville, who is also manager of the Klondike Yukon-Stewart Pioneers Company, in an interview said he did not believe in the Stikine-Lake Teslin all-Canadian route to Klondike, as the Stikine river is not open till the travel would come via Vancauver. There | 20th May, and it is necessary to discharge from deep water vessels at Wrangel to flat bottom boats; and if river steamers draw more than twenty-six inches they are liable to stick at any moment before reaching Glenora.

Col. Domville adds that if he were not Canadian he would favor the White Pass, as it is only thirty-six miles from Skagway, which is an ocean point, to Lake Bennett and just as near Dawson City and Klondike as the end of the 150 mile portage at Teslin lake. In one instance there is ice, swift water and shallow, and 160 miles of railway.

Col. Domville added that if the Cana-Edmonton route. A railway should be built from Edmonton to Athabasca landcould be done in less time than it will take to push a railway through from Telegraph creek to Teslin lake.

Col. Domville declared that there was water communication by the Mackenzie river to where a portage of 150 miles to Porcupine river began, and if the Dominion government would spend \$500 per mile on these 150 miles they would have a first rate wagon road. Col. Demville also expressed grave

-in fact he did not believe it would be done before the summer of 1899. Montreal, Feb. 2 .- Sir Wm. Van Horne being asked his opinion of the Mackenzie & Mann railway deal, simply said: "I think the government has made a very good bargain," and would say no more.

Toronto, Feb. 2.-The Globe says edi-"If the senate should throw out the agreement for the construction of the Canadian Yukon railway and give the Yukon trude to our American competitors for the next twelve months, it will do ill service to the business community

of Canada.

"If we give this trade to the Americans for this season it will become permanently settled in American channels and will never be recovered by Canadian traders and manufacturers. It must be remembered that the situation in the Yukon was suddenly created and the government had made a sudden provision for extraordinary circumstances and constitutions. The Yukon railway is an emergiant of the control of a canal to any government without the consent of Nicaragua.

"The mission of Mr. Morgan is ignored by this government. I believe he has been privately requested by the United States government to make a study of the proposed dinal and canal inatters and to cessary labor for the construction of the road will be great and wages must be enormously high; and it will be a very expensive proceeding to get in construction supplies and railway equipment. The governmen could not afford to lose with many contractors and capitalists, Mann a contract which other companies would not take. Under circumstances of extraordinary difficulty, the government has made one of the best bargains ever made for the country, and except the policy of the senate is to be dictated from American coast cities, and except that body is particularly anxious to drive the trade of the Yukon into American channels, it will not do any such extreme and preposterous thing as to throw out the agreement the government had made for an all-Canadian route to Klondike.

THE TROUBLE IN INDIA.

Further Details of the Disaster to British Troops at the Frontier.

Bombay, Feb. 1.-A despatch from Mamani gives further details of the disaster on Saturday last to the fourth brigade of the British troops operating on the continent from Berlin, Buda Pesth, on the frontier near Shinkamur. Genresulting in general interruption of traffic eral Westmacott, who has just returned to Mamani after visiting the scene of the fighting, recovered 22 bodies of British slain and inflicted heavy loss on 300 of the enemy who opposed him. The British force lost one lieutenant. Eight men vere wounded in the latter engagement. General Sir William Lockhart, who has just been relieved of his command on the frontier by General Sir Arthur Power Palmer, sails for England Saturday next. In an interview he has expressed the opinion that a spring campaign against the tribesmen will be necessary.

> CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from prace tice, having had pased into his hands by an East Indian missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and Nervous Complaints, after having tried its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this receipt, in German, French or English, with ful ldirections for preparing and using. Seut by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper.

> > BREEDING JACK RABBITS.

Noyes, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester,

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 31.—An establishment for the breeding of jack rabbits will be a new enterprise here. General W. H. Gentry, who bred Hose Turner and a number of other trotting bred mares for 30 head of jack rabbits and proposes to chase with his hounds for the amesement of himself and friends. General Gentry is a member of their National Fox Hunters association.

RATCLIFFE'S SENTENCE.

New York, Feb. 1.—It is stated on "responsible authority" that Edward J. Ratcliffe, the actor now under sentence for wife-beating under indictment for perjury and accused of bigamy, has decided to withdraw his entered from the sentence of withdraw his appeal from the sentence for wife-beating and will serve six months on Blackwell Island. The perjury case against him will be withdrawn and no other prose-cution against him will be begun. It is said that Ratcliffe's attorney has effected a compromise with the district attorney.

WILL KNOCK OUT BOXING.

Milwaukee, Jan. 31.-Chief of Police Jansen has decided to put a stop to all boxing contests in this city in the future. Several entertainments of this character have been held within the past three months by various athletic societies in Milwaukee, the understanding being that the contests would be for points only, as there is a state law prohibiting prize fighting. The fighters, however, overstepped the boundary and in several instances knock-outs went

President of Nicaragua Talks Freely-He Believes the Concessions Have Expired.

Nicaragua Would Prefer Dealing Directly With the United States in the Future.

New York, Feb. 1.-The Herald to-day prints an interview with President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, obtained by its correspond-

ent in Managna. "Nicaragua would prefer dealing directly with the United States," said Zelaya, "in the matter of a canal across our country. dian route is necessary, he favored the The canal company has not lived up to its obligations-those included in the concession, and we consider that it has deceived ing, a distance of about 70 miles. This us, and we believe that further dealings with it will only result in further decep-

with it will only result in further deception. For this reason, we would prefer dealing directly with your government, something that is stable, which the canal company is not.

"We consider that the concessions which are now held by the canal company expired some time ago and that they are therefore void, although the canal company thinks differently. The Tiptapa canalization is one of the most striking illustrations of failure of the company to keep its agreement and of the chief features of the arangement made with Mr. Baker, the retired United States minister.

"Mr. Baker was to have taken up the Tiptapa canalization with the canal company on his return to the United States, and falling to reach some sort of an understanding with the company he was to have endeavored to have had the matter submitted to arbitration. But the arrangement has been cancelled by congress, and I consider that the action of congress was breught about through the influence of the canal company which does not wish to be called to account.

"We would have no objection to the congress of the United States passing a bill doubts as to the contractors' ability to complete the Teslin railway during 1898

called to account.

"We would have no objection to the congress of the United States passing a bill looking to the support of private capital in building a canal, but when it came to the United States actually controlling the canal this government would have something to say about that. But in the event of a possible transfer of control the matter could le transfer of control the matter could discussed by this government and the

recomemndations directed to the American

general. Mr. Morgan brought

legation, for which special considerations have been extended on the part of this gov-"Mr. Baker's mission on the part of this ountry in the United States, which has low been set aside, has been commonly nisunderstood. I consider Mr. Baker a man any time, and it carried on negotiations of influence and one who could take up the of influence and one who could take up the matters proposed with every prospect of carrying them through with success. Mr. Baker represented that he would be able to form a syndicate which would buy from us our railoads and our lake steamers. We desired to dispose of these to private parties in order to raise money sufficient to enable us to pay our English debt. Our total debt, by the way, is only \$6,000,000 in our money.

"What of the political condition of the country? A canal or communication from the interior to the Atlantic coast is what we need to settle us politically, as well as in other ways. Bither would allay the rest-lessness and would end desires for a revolution.

"All property would appreciate.
"The Conservatives' property and the Liberals' property would go up in value together and the whole country would take on a new aspect. A canal would unify all the people and all political uneasiness would be lost in the improved condition of the property of the propert would be lost in the improved condition of business. Let us but get an opening for passage out of our products and the whole country would become prosperous.

"We are glad to have Americans come in They are able and energetic. They will help us to build up the country. We consider our country to have as great natural attractions as any in Central America. It is larger than Cesta Rica and more capable in development in every way.

in development in every way.
"Costa Rica has in San Jose a very fine city, but we have several. They are many miles apart, but commercial communication between them would knot the country to gether very strongly and soon give it a leading place in this part of the world." "Would the concessions to the Atlas com-tany interfere at all with the operation of

"Not at all. The concession was granted Not at an. The concession was granted to the company for navigation rights on the San Juan river and it is not such as to retard the construction of a canal. This, government took good care in granting that concession that it should not be such as to lead to any complication."

VOORHEIS IS GOVERNOR.

Trenton; N. J., Feb. .1—Governor Griggs last night sent to both houses of legisla ture a communication giving notice that he had filed his resignation with the secretary of state, to take effect at midnight The two houses then passed a resolution providing that President Voorhels of the senate, should take the oath of office as governor at noon to-day.

MILLER WANTS ANOTHER RACE. New York, Jan. 31,—C. W. Miller, of Chicago, winner of the last six days' contest in Madison Square Garden, is eager to race Cordang, "the Dutchman," in a 24-hour paced race. Arrangements are being made, he says, to induce Cordang to come to America, and if he does, a purse of \$5,000 is promised for a 24-hour race in Madison Square Garden, of which \$3,000 will go to the winner. Failing in getting a match with Cordang, a like offer will be made to Huret, the Frenchman.

Huret, the Frenchman. A NEW YORK PIGEON SHOW.

New York, Jan. 31.—All the arrangements for the ninth annual exhibition of the New for the ninth annual exhibition of the New York Pigeon and Poultry society to be held in Madison Square Garden, to begin to-morrow, have been completed. According to the report of the secretary, nearly 6,500 birds have been entered in the several classes. Many entries have been received from Canada and the far west, so that the showing in many classes will be stronger than in former exhibitions.

MORE REINDEER ARRIVE.

New York. Feb. 1.-The steamer Heckla, which arrived to-day from Copeni-brought 35 reindeer for the Klondike.