Claim of Provincial Jurisdiction Within Three Mile Limit and for Halifax Award.

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—The premiers of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Ed ward Island, with several of their ministers, have arrived to attend the fisheries conference to-morrow. There is some comment over the absence of a British Columbia representative, although it is thought that the near approach of the claiming jurisdiction over waters within the three-mile limit, and ask that interest on the Halifax award be baid to them for disbursement.

THT NEW YEAR HONORS.

Expected Knighthoods Late in Arriving -Responsibility for Choice Laid Upon Governor-General.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Jan. 1.- No word has reached the government of any Canadians included in the New Year's list of honors by Her Majesty. It is learned on good sy ther Majesty. It is learned on good therein absolutely no cause for communications were sent by the federal authorities to the sent by the federal authorities to the colonial office, but it is possible that His Excellency may have made one or more recommendations without consultation with his advisers. This was done by Lord Aberdeen, as for instance in the large of Sin Unit 11 to 11 to 12 to 12 to 13 to 15 t cases of Sir Henri Joly and Sir J. M.

Blown Over Falls and Rescued Floating Unconscious on Icy Stream.

Galt, Jan. 1 .- (Special)-James Hindmarsh, aged 14, had a frightful experience yesterday. His escape from death was marvellous. He was skating across a strong wind, which sprung up sudden-ly, clear over the falls, descending in the ice cold foaming river. The alarm was at once given, and two lads named Thos. Ellioitt and John Daniels ran to the water's edge at the upper bridge, and wading into the river up to their shoulders caught Hindmarsh as he came floating down, half drowned and unconscious. His escape from death was a very close one.

EATON'S GREAT BANQUET. Twenty-five Hundred Employees Enter-

tained at a New Year's Feast. Toronto, Jan. 1 .- (Special) Timoth Eaton, head of the big departmental store, dined his 2,500 employees on Saturday evening. One huge flat of the store itself was utilized for the occasion, the ing fiercely at each other. Many ministers of the cit ters of the city were in-

TAKING HOME SPANIARDS.

Beaver Line Steamer to Carry Two Thousand From Havana.

Halifax, Jan. 1 .- (Special)-The Beaver line steamer Lake Ontario, which ar rived here yesterday from Liverpool, has been chartered by the Spanish govern t to carry home from Cuba repatri soldiers. She will accommodat after fitting up here and taking a thous and tons of coal on board.

NOTED MEN'S AILMENTS.

Lord Strathcona Progressing Towards Recovery-Mr. Dingley's Condition Serious.

Montreal, Jan. 1.—Lard Strathcona's condition is much improved. Washington, Jan. 1.—The condition of Representative Dingley has grown worse and some apprehension is felt for his re-

SUSPICION OF HERESY.

Ontario Methodist Minister's Beliefs to Be Investigated. Toronto, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Charges of heresy have been preferred against Workman, of the Bay of

vestigation has been ordered to be held A VANISHING STAMP.

No More Three's Will Be Issued-Twose About to Change Color. Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—(Special)—It is learned by wire from Ottawa that the three-cent stamp no longer being required, there will be no more issues of it after the present supply is exhausted.

The color of the domestic postage stamp, according to the suggestion of the postal union, being red, it will be necessary when the supply of the ordinary two-cent stamp, which is green, is exhausted, to change the color to that

of the three-cent domestic stamps. RAILWAY MANAGERS.

Head of Soo Road Transferring to Baltimore & Ohio System.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 1.—The Globe says that Frederick B. Underwood, general manager if the Soo road, is to be come general manager of the Baltimore & Ohio system, and that he will be succeeded on the Soo road by W. F. Fitch, general manager of the Duluth Shore & Atlantic road.

CUBANS WANT PAY

Havana, Jan. 3.-General Maximo

RIGHTO HATCHERY MAN'S MISFORTUNE.
Two Day's Absence Causes the Loss of HATCHERY MAN'S MISFORTUNE. Whole Season's Work.

Unrepresented at Conference Which
Brings All Maratime Premiers
to Dominion Capital.

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 29.—A report reached here this evening that nearly all, if not all, the output of the Chinook salmon hatchery has been lost for the past Ministers of This Province Must
Stay Home to Save Their
Political Lives.

Claim of Provincial Jurisdiction

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The superintendent or his assistant left the hatchery for two days, and the supply of water became clogged up and the spawn were without water for that time and exposed to the air.

Fish Commissioner Little has suspended the superintendent, pending an examination. From the best information possible the work of the hatchery for the year has been lost for the past season. The superintendent or his assistant left the hatchery for two days, and the supply of water became clogged up and the spawn were without water for that time and exposed to the air.

Fish Commissioner Little has suspended the superintendent, pending an examination. From the best information possible the work of the hatchery for the supply of water became clogged up and the spawn were without water for that time and exposed to the air. year has been lost, meaning that the carelessness of employees of the hatchery have lost several million young fish, in-cluding the 200,000 eggs recently sent from the government hatchery at Battle Creek, Cal.

AGAINST THE NUNS.

New York Decision Against the Re-

ligious Garb in State Aided Schools. tion, has decided the case of Edward Keyser against the Board of Education of the city of Poughkeepsie, in favor of Edward dent Kruger is known to be conciliatory, session may account for one not being the appellant. The appeal was from the action of the Board of Education in the ings with the Uitlanders, there is no imrental of school buildings for permanent use, and the employment as teachers of persons who wear the distinctive dress and Rhodes between them have paragarb of a religious order.

Superintendent Skinner says: "This nion of interests is no longer desirable of the city. It has been and is a case of irritation and discord among the patrons of the schools, is against the spirit of our institutions, which calls for a complete and total severance of church and state, and is against the letter and spirit of the constitution. The public school system must be conducted in such a broad and catholic spirit that Jew and Protestant and Catholic alike shall find therein absolutely no cause for com-

SKATER'S MARVELLOUS ESCAPE DUEL TO THE DEATH.

Hungarian Premier and His Enemy week show clearly how explosive a situa-Meet and Experience an Awful Fright.

the dam above the falls with his coat opened as a sail, when he was blown by and Walls and Bravos Left "Scowling Fiercely."

By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 3-The Vienna corresponlent of the Daily Mail says: "The duel between Baron Baffy and M. Horanszky was a ludicrous affair. The seconds had arranged a fight to the death at twenty paces. M. Horanszky, however, when e faced his opponent, was agitated be-

youd all control, and Baron Banffy was hardly more comfortable. Each discharg-I four shots but all so wide of the mark hat the bullets were found lodged in the high walls of the riding school where the encounter took place. The duellists finally left the building, scowl-

Budapesth, Jan. 3.—On the re-opening Many ministers of the city were invited and paid a high tribute to the generous treatment of Mr. Eaton's employees, especially in the matter of early closing. It was by all odds the biggest banquet of its kind ever held in Toronto.

Budapesth, Jan. 3.—On the re-opening of the Hungarian diet to-day, Baron Banffy, the premier was heartly cheered by his supporters. The opposition leaders, however, boldly announced their determination to continue obstruction so as to render the transaction of public matter of the Hungarian diet to-day, Baron "As I hinted in a previous letter, it is pretty certain that unless some reform comes from the Boer side, another twelve months will not pass without the interference of British troops. The Roers can put 20 000 men in the field. determination to continue obstruction so as to render the transaction of public ness impossible and to compel Baron Banffy to resign.

A SUNDAY LOST.

Christmas Falling Upon the First Day of the Week Takes Away Its Religious Character.

London, Dec. 29 .- The Rev. Forbes Phillips, vicar of Gorleston, has decided ated soldiers. She will accommodate Finings, yiear of Gorieston, has decided 1,500 to 2,000 and will sail for Havana that in 1898 there were only 51 Sundays ecclesiastically speaking. He says the fact that Christmas falls on the first day of the week takes away the religious character, and he has, therefore, advised his parishioners to stay at home and enjoy themselves with games and other amusements, as they would had Christmas fallen on any other day of the week.

The clergyman bases his action upon the fact that the Church of England prayer book contains no provision for Sunday services when Christmas falls on that day. The announcement has created something of a sensation, simply because just now the whole country is very sensitive about every thing relating to the state church.

HELPLESS ON ATLANTIC.

British Steamer From Philadelphia Found Without Propellor in Storm Too Fierce for Assistance.

Philadelphia on December 16, for this portfi has arrived here and reported having met the British steamer Dart, Captain Clark, from Philadelphia on Dec. 13 for London, on Dec. 29, in lat. 49 N. long, west, with her propellor carried

The Newby towed the Dart for an hour, after which the hawser parted. Although the Newby stood by the Dart for twenty-seven hours she was unable to got another hours on board mine. for twenty-seven hours she was unable to get another hawser on board owing to the terrific weather prevailing and for her own safety was obliged to proceed, leaving the Dart in a helpless condition. As it was the cabin of the Newby was flooded and much interior damage was done; her boats were stove in and her deckwork was badly injured. The second mate and a seaman of the New-by were injured, all the provisions on board were destroyed and the crew lost part of their clothing.

LESE MAJESTY INDEED.

ew York Publisher Offers the Kaiser Five Thousand for an Article.

London, Jan. 1.—The Observer's Berlin correspondent vouches for the stary that the Emperor recently received a check from New York for \$5,000 with the request that His Majesty write an article giving his views on the Spanish-American war.

ward, near Narcisco, has addressed a proclamation to the Cuban army advising against disbanding until the proceedings at Washington, regarding the pay of the insurgent troops, have been malistic career.

American war.

The Emperor returned the check through the German embassy at Washington, saying that he had neither the pay of the insurgent troops, have been malistic career.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s traffic receipts for the week ending December 31, 1898, were said to be a process of the control of the control of the control of the check through the German embassy at Washington, regarding the ingroup of the insurgent troops, have been a payed to be a process of the control of the control of the check through the German embassy at Washington, regarding the ingroup of the insurgent troops, have been a payed to be a process of the control of the check through the German embassy at Washington, regarding the ingroup of the insurgent troops, have been a payed to be a payed to be a process of the control of the check through the German embassy at Washington, regarding the payed to be a process of the check through the German embassy at Washington, regarding the payed to be a process of the check through the German embassy at Washington, regarding the payed to be a payed to be

Prediction That British Troops Will Regulate Them Before This Year Closes.

Tunies and Kilts of Slain British Soldiers Offensively Shown to Travellers.

Kruger Professes Friendliness but No Prospect of Redress for Uitlanders.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 1.-The London correspondent of the Tribune, cabling today regarding affairs in the Transvaal, Albany, Dec. 29.—Charles R. Skinner, says: "The efforts of several journals mediate method of redress. Jameson lyzed the colonial office for a long time to come. The franchise would have nor for the best interests of the schools been extended by this time if there had been no lawless invasion by night-riders.

"The mining business in Transvaal has greatly improved during the year, and political agitation is the last thing which British investors want in that quarter. Besides, as the Spectator reads the lesson in an impressive tone to-day, the united English-speaking race, while equal to the rest of the world, must govern with justice, mercy and moderation.' Mr. Norman, in his cable letter to the Times, takes a more serious view of the situation than does the correspondent of the Tribune. Mr. Norman says: "The killing of the Englishman Edgar by a a snover brigade in day of hard service. Boer policeman is not in itself serious. It may have been at the worst only a brutal exercise of authority, in the presence of a rather disreputable row; but the utterances of Boer papers during the tion there is. The Boer journal, the Post, suggested that 24 hours' notice be given women and children to leave Johannesburg, then all foreigners be sho down and the city razed to the ground, and added: 'Let such action be taken proceedings, if caught, should be thrown into the deep shafts of their mines with the debris of the batteries for costly shrouds, and the whole of Johannesburg, with the exception of the Afrikander wards, be converted into a gigantic rub oish heap to serve as a mighty tomb

stone for the shot down authors of the monstrous dead.'
"President Kruger has expressed indignation at these abominable utter-ances, but several correspondents have telegraphed that the relations between foreigners, a farmless London county councillor, just returned, says when a train arrived in Johannesburg he saw a Boer officer helping himself to the contents of his hand-bag, even before it was taken from the car. He protested and was arrested and handled roughly. He was told that Englishmen must be

Boers can put 20,000 men in the field, and have accumulated enormous quantities of war material. The feeling in the British army in this matter may be guessed from the fact that English trav-ellers are frequently shown by the Boers tunics and kilts of British regiment hung as trophies over the fire. Place any man of the 200,000 recent American olunteers and say how he would feel ander similar circumstances when

ill fortune of war was thus turned into an insult. STOLE FIVE THOUSAND BOOKS. Thief Was a Preacher, but His Overcoa Was Fitted for Shop-Lifting.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 29.—The Rev. James Britain Miller, the Yale graduate who was arrested last night charged with stealing 5,000 books, is regarded as a criminal curiosity by the police and by the clergymen of the city. Miller is Yale Divinity School, where he was graduated four years ago. Since then he has preached irregularly. He is the son of a Michigan business man named to a Miller but he has made New tric as his career upon it. It has been said that he adjourned court after re-Elias B. Miller, but he has made New Haven his residence since he came here to his uncontrollable desire for books was developed. His counsel declares that Miller's case is a psychological study, that his researches in libraries upperfiled his Queenstown, Jan. 3.—The British steamer Newby, Captain Clark, from Philadelphia on December 16, for this

ing.

the sauce of common sense. The bars Miller said this evening that he took chief grievance was that although sev the books in fits of abstentmindedness. enty years old he persisted until the last All day long the leading booksellers of in holding court far into the night the city have been engaged in sorting out their stolen books from the thous-ands at Miller's rooms. He was caught red-handed last night. He was seen to slip three costly volumes inside his overcoat and was immediately arrested. Miller appeared in the city police court this morning and had his case continued till next Tuesday. He furnished bonds of \$500 and was released. In his possession were found bank books showing a credit to his account of \$1,400. This sum is supposed to represent in part proceeds from his absentmindedness in dealing with books. Miller was obliged to leave the lock-up this afternoon with-

ockets of the shoplifter. PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS. Two Hundred and Fifty the Net In crease for Year Just Closed.

The increase in the number of pupil attending the Victoria public schools was 250 in the average attendance. The umber of pupils now enrolled is 2,625.

C. P. R TRAFFIC.

\$797.000.

THE BOERS CUTTING UP PROSPERITY FOR ORETE.

Prince George Will Rule With an Iron Hand-Moslems Making Hasty Exit.

> London, Jan. 1.-The island of Crete is the scene of an experiment similar to the one to be tried in Cuba. Prince George of Greece, who was formal y installed this week as high commissioner of the powers, seems to appreciate the fact that he has an opportunity to advance the prestige of Greece as we'll as his personal prestige. He has begun now to rule with an iron hand.

The Prince found the island honeycombed with religious and political factions, executing outrages upon the paople. He quickly ordered the soldiers to adopt drastic measures and announced that he would suppress disorder even if he had to turn the whole island into barracks. His policy and Christian rule are so distasteful to the Moslems that they are leaving in droves, and there is a prospect that the island will soon be populated solely by Christians and that they will enjoy prosperity hitherto unknown to them.

THE RAILWAY BLOCKED Record Fall of Snow Delays Trains for

Yesterday's train from this city did no arrive in Nanaimo until after 5 o'clock in the evening, while the down-bound express, due here at noon, was delayed by the accumulated snow until about 6:30 when it pulled into Russell's Station looking well worthy of the title of Arctic

The greatest obstructions to traffic wer ncountered between Shawn gan lake and the summit and for a short distance this side of the summit, the snow there being piled from three to ten feet deed—the heaviest fall in the history of th Island railway. Severe snow storms being a rarity on this Island, the E. & N. have heretofore found a rotary plow unnecessary, and the cowcatcher-push with a shovel brigade in consequence had a

NEW MASTERS FOR CUBA.

Transfer Formally Made and Native Not Even Permitted to View the Ceremonies,

States at noon to-day. The form of transfer was simple, con-isting only of an exchange of speeches in the saloon of the palace and the hauling down of the Spanish flag and the raising in its stead of the flag of the United States on the flagstaff on the palace roof. Salutes were fired from the heavy guns

of the forts and the warships before and after the change of flags, and the raising of the Stars and Stripes was greeted with cheers by the people who covered the roofs of the buildings around the palace and the plaza. No crowd was permitted to gather in the streets in the vicinity of the palace to the epoch-making function.

BAZAARS INTERDICTED. Quebec Archbishop Places Them Under

the Ban and Urges Other Beforms. Montreal, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Archbishop Bruchesi's usual New Year's pastoral letter is of far greater importance than usual. His Grace says that after mature consideration he has decided to interdict all bazaars for any purpose He explains that it will likely be said that this prohibition will deprive many charities of precious help. But he be-lieves God will, bless them, and that people will give as in the past, but vithout thinking of advantages or enjoyments. which one may receive from these af

He permits the use of light wines only at charity dinners, for which special per mission must be obtained. His Grace also urges reforms in the educational system of the province, the provision of better and more hygienic schoolhouses, and better pay for teachers, saying that the remuneration of teachers in some quarters is most inequate and unjust, and that they have a right to complain,

EXIT OF HANGING JUDGE.

Would Hear No Superfluous Talk from Lawyers but Quit Without Ceremony.

London, Dec. 29 .- Judge Hawkins, a nddy, keen-eyed old gentleman of sport ing proclivities, is the largest personage an intelligent young man about 30 years in the public eye since the announced and stood high in his classes at the Yale Divinity School, where he was on December 19. The newspapers and clubs team with anecdotes of his sharp college. While at Yale Miller had charge cording the verdict in his last case and of the reading room of the Yale theologi- walked out, cutting off the attorney's of the reading room of the Yale theological seminary, and there, it is supposed,

bing the books when nobody was look- sides, he seasoned his judgments with

GILLETTS out an overcoat, as his was held as evidence. It contained the typical capacious

> BEST, PUREST, STRONGEST.

WINTER IN VANCOUVER Rapid City Man Shoots at His Wife-

One Foot of Snow and Every Sleigh Rushed Out Before Prospective Thaw.

Wellsback Light Company Look to British Columbia for Their Raw Material.

Limb Lost Through a Bicycle Accident-Old Citizen of Westminster Dead.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Jan. 1 .- Col. Barrows. president of the Wellsbach Light Company, who is a multi-millionaire, and Dr. Day, president of the Geological Society of Washington, have written that they will revenuelly towards the Britanskip. that they will personally tour the Brit- educationalist. ish Columbia mining camps next spring in search of metals required in the manufactures of the Wellsbach Co.

The sad news reached here to-day that hiffith Griffiths, whose leg was broken a bicycle accident a year ago, but was In a dicycle accident a year ago, but woo be came apparently well and secured a lu-rative position in Dawson, had taken suddenly ill again, his injured limb being so seriously affected as to necessitate mputation. He lies in a dangerous conition at the Dawson hospital.

There is one foot of snow here and very sleigh in town is out. A mid thaw Capt. Insley, an old and respected citi-Westminster, dropped dead yesterday.

PLATINUM IN SIMILKAMEEN. Discovery That Adds Attraction to Gold Operations in That Country.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Jan. 1 .- J. Murphy, of Granite creek, Similkameen, is in Vancouver to-day. He claims that a mos mportant discovery has been made at imilkameen, this being of platinum in normous quantities. Mr. Murphy as erts that this is the only district in America where platinum can be mined Hayana, Jan. 1.—The severeignty of in paying quantities. The world's sup-cuba passed from Spain to the United ply now comes from Russia. Platinum is worth \$8 an ounce, and is heavier

than gold.

In the 60's half a million dollars in gold was taken from Granite creek, and enormous quantities of platinum dumped into the river. That was not the electrical age, but now electrical companies must have platinum, and the Wellsbach light people, too, must have it. The mantels for their light are made of osmium extracted from platinum alloy in the New Jersey chemical works or in London. The Wellsbach people get their platinum from the London works. from the Ural mountains. They can henceforth get it from Simil-

serpentine formation of the ore

short time with modern machiner

VACCINATION REFORM. Recent Amendments to the Law Give Less Scope for Organized Opposition

London, Jan. 1.-In reviewing the vents of last year, the Lancet, discussing the new vaccination act, expresses an opinion quite contrary to the views entertained by doctors generally on what s known as the "conscience" clause. The sphere of influence in Central Africa extending to the shore of Lake Tschad, and in setum for this France would be Lancet says: "What will exactly be the Lancet says: "What will exactly be the effect of the new act on the prevalence of vaccination it is not possible to say, but some of the alterations, such as the adoption of a system of domiciliary vaccination and the use of glycerinated calf lymph, may, taken together with the conscience clause have the result of conscience clause and in return for this France would be granted trading access to the White this conscience and in return for this France would be granted trading access to the White this conscience and the result of conscience clause have the result of conscience clause. conscience clause, have the result of making vaccination more acceptable than The Premier has also notified the

solute Loss to the Congregation— Old Lady's Death.

Kingston, Jan. 1 .- St. George's cathdral was destroyed by fire this morning. he blaze being first noticed about 5 'clock. In a few hours the building church, being splendidly aided by soldiers, policemen and citizens generally, but without avail. The temperature was 12 below zero and the firemen worked with the greatest difficulty. The residences of Dean Smith and Geo. Hallan, near the cathedral, were damaged by fire and flood by water in

uenching it. The church was built in 1825, and rebuilt in 1840, while extensive alterations were made again a few years ago.

Altogether the loss is not less than There is an insurance of \$26,000, but the authorities carried a debt of \$30,000.

The church had many valuable memorial windows, tablets and brasses, all of which are destroyed. A couple of firemen, John Sands and John Burns, were somewhat seriously in-jured during the fire, and Mrs. Margaret Arnold, a widow aged 75, who lived near church, dropped dead during the norning, presumably in consequence of

THE PARISIAN BUFFETED. rrives Like Floating Iceberg After Secured-Longest Passage in Her History.

ian, from Liverpool, via Moville, with Canadian mails, arrived here this morning. St. Thomas ng. She had terrific passage, encounter

Child Burned to Death-Heart Failure.

Winnipeg, Jan. 1 .- At Rapid City Geo. Pickering, while drunk, purchased a revolver and going home fired at his wife. The pistol missed fire and a brother-inlaw prevented further attempts. Pickering has disappeared.

Windsor, Jan. 1 .- Norberry Oui'ette aged eighty, was found dead yesterday in a field near Walkerville. It is supposed he was passing through the field when he was stricken with heart failure and

Alvinston, Jan. 1.—The four-year-old daughter of Lachlan McNeill was fatally burned yesterday by her clothes catching fire from a stove during the momentary absence of her mother

Toronto, Jan. 1.-Thos. Kirkland, prin

WEI-HAI-WEI IMPREGNABLE. When Properly Fortified It Will Be all hazards at least pending the ratifica-Strongest Naval Base in the East.

London, Jan. 1.—The annual report fied that the trouble in Iloilo might be

The harbor requires little dredging to accommodate the largest warships and and the c ty and garrison of Iloilo der the port impregnable.

STORM IN THE CHANNEL.

Weather So Bad That All Ferry Service Is Suspended. London, Jan. 1.-Violent storms pro

vail along the English channel and all across-channel service is suspended.

African Tract Offered by Salisbury

in Exchange for Rights in

Newfoundland. Great Britain Acquires Territory From Portugal in Return for

Promise of Help.

By Associated Press. London, Jan. 1 .- For the week there have been almost continuous diplomatic negotiations in progress at the foreign office between Lord Salisbury and Amin the Ural mountains where platinum is secured, prevails in the Similkameen, and there is little doubt that platinum oring to effect a settlement of the longbassador Cambon of France. These can be found in the rock formation, as well as in the alluvial soil of the old country that feeds the Tulameen river. As the gravel of Granite creek pays again almost precipitated war. Ambashandsomely in gold, the importance of the new discovery, or the utilization of an old discovery, is of great importance.

Mr. Murphy reports that he and two

> lieved France can accept the diers, who are constantly proposals for a general entente, because
> Great Britain demands too much and concedes too little. Salisbury's proposals include the cossion of Carthin and concedes too little. Salisbury's proposals include the cossion of Carthin and content of the gun boat El Cano. flying the concedes too little. Salisbury's proposals include the cession of Cambia, a part of Sierra Leone, in Africa, in exchange for the surrender of all French rights on the shores of Newfoundland, except St. Pierre-Miquelon, which was to be retained by France, but not to be fortified. "The Newport's boats, as the despatch boat which carried this message is about leaving, are being lowered with four many contents." France would not be asked to vacate the

naking vaccination more acceptable than before and of rendering organized opposition less efficiency and successful than that has been during the last few years."

The Fremier has also hounded the French opposition to the Anglo-German agreement concerning the Portuguese-African possible to the provide the provided the provided the provided the provided that the French opposition to the Anglo-German agreement concerning the Portuguese-African possible to the provided the provided that the French opposition to the Anglo-German agreement concerning the Portuguese-African possible to the provided that the French opposition to the Anglo-German agreement concerning the Provided that the French opposition to the Anglo-German agreement concerning the Provided that the French opposition to the Anglo-German agreement concerning the Provided that the Provid it has been during the last few years."

KINGSTON CATHEDRAL BURNED

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Concerning the Portuguese-Alican sessions will be ignored. The negotiations for the division of Portuguese territory in South Africa have progressed and there is good authority for the statement that protocols have been exchanged between Great Britain and Portugal regarding these possessions. Britain is to get the territory around Delagoa Bay extending as far as the

Quillmane river. The Delagoa railway, which was constructed by Col. McMurdock, an Ameriwas practically destroyed, the inside being completely gutted. The fire department worked enthusiastically to save the the Portuguese government, has been acquired by an Anglo-German syndicate. It is understood that this syndicate will pay the \$9,000,000 award of damages rendered against the government by the Swiss arbitration tribunal for the seizure of the railroad.

In this division of African territory, a agreed between England and Germany, the latter is also to get some rich possions in the region of Delagoa Germany is to have the territory extend ing from the northern bank of Quillriver as far as Cape Delgarde It is believed that the entente arranged between Great Britain and Portugai includes a guarantee of assistance the British fleet and forces in the event of Portugal being involved in war.

The opinion is exressed in diplomatic circles that any settlement of disputes between England and France on the basis of Lord Salisbury's proposals is a long way off. The Portugues as a long way off. The Portuguese agree-ment, especially after Delcasse's pro-test to Lisbon, will be likely to increase France's hostility to a general settle

THE FIRE RECORD

Hotel Destroyed in Terrebonne-Large Part of St. Thomas Gone. Terrebonne, Que., Jan. 3 .- (Special.)-

Halifax, Jan. 3.-Allan steamer Paris-Fire to-day destroyed Bernardine's hotel, St. Thomas, Jan. 3.—Fire to-day con-sumed a large portion of the business ing. She had terrific passage, encountering furious gales nearly all the way and making the second longest passage in her historq. Many times the big ship was swept by enormous waves, one of which carried away the centre of the bridge and other fixtures, and the severe cold caused the rigging and decks to be covered with ice.

sumed a large portion of the business houses on the west side of Main stret, west of Lorne, including Mrs. Sinchair's millinery, Skinner Bros. dry goods: Zimmerman's barber shop, and Gilpin's en Horn. He left jewels and plate worth house, Marks furniture rooms and the Sultan's treasure box. Poison and the how string are binted at the how string are binted at

WARRING ON ALLIES

American Troops Landing at Iloilo to Recover City From the Filipinos.

Spanish Commander Might Have Held Position But Evacuated in Insurgents' Favor.

A Russian Grand Duke in Corsets Says America Is Welcome in the East.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 3.-Gen. Otis has cabled from Manila to the war department that in his opinion Gen. Miller has the situation well in hand at Iloilo and that he fully understands the purpose of the present to be not to crowd the insurgents unduly. It is highly desirable that a hostile collisioin be avoided at

tion of the peace treaty. The officials here are now fully satisread to the war office on the survey of traced directly back to the Spanish col-Wei-Hai-Wei states it can form the onel who was the schior Spanish army strongest naval base in the East, being officer in the Philippine group directly in command of the Viscayas group, inaccommodate the largest waisings and the city and garrison of Hollo. the port has two entrances, making it accessible in any wind. The land has besieged with 800 soldiers in Hollo by a superior force the Spanish company. superior force, the Spanish commander had repused every attack of the insurgents and there was no reason why the should not have held out indefinitely. is significant that Rios delayed the evac uation of Hoilo until he became informed that the Americans were coming and there is curiosity here to learn that im-portant information reached Iloilo in advance of the movements of the American transports and in the absence of cable

> Manila, Jan. 1.-The following despatch, dated Friday afternoon, December 30, at Iloilo, Island of Panay, has just been received here by graphic communication with Iloilo not

having been resumed:
"The situation at Iloilo is grave. Fifteen hundred natives fully armed are at Melo, a suburb of Iloilo. Seventeen thousand more, it is reported, are await ing orders to embark at several points on the island of Negros, fifteen hours' sail

from Hoilo.
"All the women have withdrawn, and many families have taken refuge with Americans. The rebels, after a consultation, insist upon inaction until Gen. Aguinaldo shall have been heard from. Gen. Miller, when this demand was first made, declined to cede them time and insisted upon an answer being given him by noon to-day. At the same time he gave assurances that lives and property would be protected.

"The foreign residents then petitioned Gen. Miller to grant the extension desired by the rebels, as a fight would cause inevitable loss. This also Gen. Miller

turn to Paris and report to Foreign Minister Delcasse the results of the negotiations he has been carrying on with the British Premier.

Mr. Murphy reports that he and two assistants are cleaning up \$1,000 a month in gold on his Fogue claim on Granite creek. He has worked the claim for 11 years, getting a fat living from the proceeds by the use of common sluices. A fortune could be secured in a short time with modern machinery.

leaving, are being lowered with four ma chine guns mounted in their bows. The lighters are alongside the U.S. transport Arizona. - The U. S. transport Pennsyl vania lies three miles to the

New York, Jan. 3.-The Grand Duke Cyril Vladimirovitch, of Russia, received the representatives of the press this afternoon in the state parlor of the Waldorf-Astoria, which was decorated with palms and roses. The Duke looks to be 26 or 27 years old. He is six feet tall, good looking and wears a corset. "All I have seen of America," he said, "was from a parlor car window. I be-lieve that you will have much trouble with the natives in the Philippines; in fact, in my judgment you will have war with them sooner or later. As far as Russia is concerned, the presence of the United States in the East is entirely satisfactory. I believe it wi factor for peace in the affairs of the Ori-

"How does Russia regard the attitude of France and England in China and Siam?" "England is against all Russian possessions in China and the fact of our having seaports in the Celestial empire is not to England's taste, but Russia is not disturbed at that. What do you think of the possibility of China recovering its individual and

"It is too late. The partition of China is only a question of time, and France, England, Russia and Germany will share "How about the reported Russo-Japan breach and enmity?"
"None but friendly feelings now exist between Russia and Japan. The rela-tions af the two countries were strained

exclusive empire?"

at one time, but that is now past."

The Grand Duke spoke enthusiastically about the trans-Siberian railway and thought it would be of the greatest value in colonizing Siberia, and also in affordng an easy way across for troops to the Pacific. The Grand Duke sails on the Fuerst Bismarck to-morrow. SPANIARDS ASSASSINATED.

Madrid, Jan. 3.—General Rios cables from Manila confirming the report that all the Spaniards at Balabac, an island of the Philippines situated 35 miles south of Palawan, have een assassinated with the exception of the women, whose release is being asked

SULTAN STRIKES IT RICH.

udden and Suspicious Death of Chief Eunuch Enriches His Treasury.

of which passes, under an old law, into the Sultan's treasure box. Poison and the bow string are hinted at.

PROGRESS

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Increased Attentio Raising and River

It cannot be said th development of the p past year has kept pa development, but con have been made to th under cultivation, espe lands of the Lower F dyking operations hav successful conclusion. most fertile soil of the ed, and immense cro In other districts sul overflow also containi these fertile lands are demption by similar a be rapidly developed u conditions brought ab

The area devoted t the Spallumcheen and has been considerab lower bench lands, alt soil than the valley land easily tilled and prod clover, as well as cer which at one time we have little value except proving to be well suit tion of cereals, and mearlier than the better hands of the leads lands of the lower va umcheen valley especia reputation the past seas heavy crops of splendi the yield of fall-sown fallowed lands was ver of from 40 to 50 bush of choice wheat to the by well known farmers In the district know valley, which is essent holdings, particular at given to the production ally strawberries, which ped as far east as V lent condition. The apted for fruit growing, in bearing yielded good The position of the se main line of the C. P. F

ping facilities consequer factors in favor of the being used to good adv The famous Chilliwack more demonstrated its tages as a farming country; immense yields and other fodder crops hand harvested. The sild used, both for corn a opinions are divided as the better for feeding pur ceeding so well. In o yield of an acre of fre wards of 18 tons, as p The farming of the operation of the oper animals in the province

animals in the province the valley.

The production of fruit, of the coming into bea young orchards, and the son for fruit has been pr and added many thousan the year's returns.
On Vancouver Island land for farming purpose couraging progress.
peninsula many fertile
added to the area under sive under draining made in the district, manent improve able nature. The pro trict to a good home m excellent roads running nish opportunities for th sumer, which are freely the advantage of all par Gordon Head district for itself as "the stra and the young orchard season some remarkably ples, fully equal to the fruit, both in quality and On Salt Spring Island tions have been made to area by clearing and dra tlers with progressive way in these desirab Extensive plantings of been made, chiefly in a ability of the island to this fruit in great perfet been demonstrated, and choice, highly colored fru son are estimated as ful any previous year. Speaking generally, the crops of grain, hay, etc., formly good, and in man usually so, and were har

condition. The extremel experienced during a portimer, just suited the dec soils of the Fraser vall them to mature maxim The dairy industry has the operation of cream wack, Ladner's Landing, Spring Island, New W Vancouver, which have first-class article, uniform a higher price than that the best imported butter. have been made to the cand methods of work; larger quantities of m handled have naturally ering the cost of produc vantage of the patrons. notable year for the prod and very heavy crops plums especially have been the fruit growing district ods of grading and pack market have been va-largely through the operat operative associations of o the advantage of both producers; still some way to market which had to stock. Some extensive orchard

agan valley, notably that stream ranch, the prope Aberdeen, bore their first fauit, profitable markets found in the Kootenays Territories. The regulations of the prof horticulture, and the impished by the board to have been of very great development of the fruit-

try, and largely instrum it upon its present satisf.
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languished somewhat dur wo or three years, has highly remunerative wher ceived proper care and co product have probably profitable item of crop producing the past season. bia hops have now an established by the product of the past season. tation on the London m