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PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 4.—The first line of first class steamships for the Klondyke has been organized in this city with s H. Cramp, of the shipbuilding f that name, as president. There five vessels in all, and the first art in April next, clearing from ork or Philadelphia and stopping Francisco, Tacoma and Seattle.

Each of these ships will accommodate about four hundred first class and several hundred second class passengers. They will make connections with railroads on the Pacific and with transportation boats in the region, while for the accommodation of passengers from abroad, arrangements will be made with the American line so that a gold seeker from the other side may buy a through ticket from Southampton to Dawson City.

These vessels will arrive in Alaska at the opening of navigation on the Yukon and will continue to give weekly service between the Pacific ports and the Klondyke. Each vessel will carry 20,000 tons of freight.

J. H. Hoadley, of New York, is vice-president of the company with offices in New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago, and is about opening others in San Francisco, Seattle and Tacoma.

"THE INEVITABLE HOUR."

The Great and the Lowly Unite in Mourning at the Funeral of the Duchess of Teck.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—In connection with the funeral of the Duchess of Teck this afternoon, all the stores of the town and all the residences of Windsor and its immediate vicinity were draped with crape, and the shades in all the windows were drawn down. Immense crowds gathered here from all parts to witness what they could of the ceremony, and lined the route to the castle.

A continuous stream of carriages containing the diplomatic corps, cabinet ministers, court officers and navy and military representatives from all the foreign courts, arrived at the chapel. Prince Frederick Henry of Prussia, represented Emperor William of Germany at the funeral.

The royal family entered the chapel at 12:45 p.m., Prince Christian and Christian Victor leading, followed by the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimer and the Prince of Wales, wearing the ribbon of the order of the garter. The coffin borne by guardsmen and escorted by the choir and clergy, led the procession.

The pall-bearers were the Duke of Westminster, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, the Marquis of Lothian, Earl Browlow, the Earl of Hopeton and the Earl of Ancaster.

NOTHING SERIOUS.

The "Wilhelm Der Grosse" Delayed by an Engine Room Mishap.

SOUTHAMPTON, Nov. 3.—The North German Lloyd steamer, Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which sailed from New York on October 26, arrived here this morning. She was delayed by the fracture of the upper exhaust passage of her high pressure cylinder. The steamer has been in the drydock for repairs, and will proceed for Bremen to-morrow.

NOT FOR HAVANA.

Spain's Big Pontoon Dock Is for the Philippines, Not Cuba.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—It is learned that the mammoth pontoon dock, which is being built to Spain's order at Stephenson's yard on the Tyne, is destined for the Philippine islands and not for Havana, as was at first reported. This dock is similar in size and construction to the one recently built, and despatched in tow for Havana.

A LONG-DRAWN BATTLE.

Janowski and Walbrodt Meet at the Chess Board in Berlin.

BERLIN, Nov. 3.—The result of the first game in the chess match between Janowski and Walbrodt, which began here to-day, was a draw 34 moves.

MAILS FOR CANADA.

Cunarders To Adopt the Beaver Line Flag For the Carrying Out of the Contract.

MONTREAL, Nov. 3.—The Beaver steamship line has chartered two first-class vessels of the Cunard line, one of them being the Gallia, in order to carry out the contract with the Canadian government to carry mails to a Canadian port.

MONTREAL'S BENEFACTORS.

Her Two Most Distinguished Citizens Give Another Hundred Thousand to the Hospital.

MONTREAL, Nov. 4.—(Special)—Lord Mount Stephen and Lord Strathcona have expressed their intention of adding an additional wing to the Royal Victoria hospital, as their Queen's Jubilee gift to Montreal. The wing will be utilized as an outdoor department. It will cost $100,000.

RAILROADER'S LIFE.

Very Far Removed From Violent Death.

ov. 3.—There was a smash-ock, on the C.P.R., last ight train running into a yard engine, both engines being smashed and seven cars demolished. Brakeman Copp and fireman Curtis were slightly injured and engineer Hatton seriously, perhaps fatally, hurt.

VINDICATION OF TAMMANY.

Editor Stead Sees That in the Greater New York Election.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—William T. Stead, editor of the Review of Reviews, said to-day of the New York election: "It is a great vindication of Tammany and Croker and gives a wonderful opportunity, though it does not wipe out the slate of the past. Nothing could erase the Lexow revelation, but many men who are struggling to the front sometimes find it necessary to do shady things to get there and would be superior to such temptations after having achieved positions. Becky Sharp said it is easy to be virtuous on a thousand a year. Tammany and Croker have the thousand a year. The election must give a great impetus to Bryanism.

About the election generally Mr. Stead was quite cheerful, adding: "The Chicago platform, minus the nonsense about free silver—if that is what Tammany's victory means—won't scare the English. To most of us in the old country your plutocrats seem a greater menace to the commonwealth than the Democrats, even if they do swear by Croker and Tammany Hall. The Republican campaign fund staggered us more than the victory of Van Wyck."

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—The Herald says: "More than 50,000 persons will directly or indirectly draw pay from the city. The salaries of 33,000 of these, whose names will actually be on the city's payroll, will aggregate $33,000,000, most of this total representing the patronage of Greater New York's first mayor, Robert A. Van Wyck. A conservative estimate of those who will draw pay indirectly from city contracts and the like is 22,000. Mr. Van Wyck can lead an army of office-holders and those indirectly employed by the city as great as the army of the Potomac."

WOULD DROP "SINGLE TAX."

Members of Jefferson Democracy Wish to Dissociate That Term From Their Movement.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—The executive committee of the Democracy of Thomas Jefferson met to-day and arranged to continue the organization. The following resolutions were passed:

"Resolved—That it is the sense of this committee that the organization known as the Democracy of Thomas Jefferson be continued and extended in scope, power and influence as far as may be possible, maintaining as its basic creed of principles the platform adopted at the Cooper Union mass meeting October 5, 1897.

"Resolved,—That as quickly as possible a conference shall be called of representatives of each assembly district in Greater New York, and this conference shall determine the plan of permanent organization and shall appoint a new committee having this work in charge."

About twenty members of the executive and some others met informally in another room and the resolutions were talked over. The precise scope of the movement was the cause of a lot of discussion. Some wished to make the single tax the central idea in the programme. Others, while by no means unfriendly to that doctrine, wished to make the movement more comprehensive, and in fact objected to the use of the term "single tax" at all.

A BRILLIANT BISHOP.

He Pays Calls With Broad Breast Sparkling With Diamonds, Pearls and Other Precious Gems.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Nicholas, Bishop of Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, who has just arrived in Washington from San Francisco was among those who called on President McKinley to-day. He presented a most striking appearance clad in full canonical robes of royal purple velvet with high head dress and flowing black veil, and with his broad chest fairly covered with diamonds, pearls and other precious stones of great value.

The bishop is the only official representative of the Russian Greek church in the territory of the United States, and he attracted much attention as he visited the various departments to pay his respects to the cabinet officers.

MELANCHOLIA'S VICTIM.

A Prominent Baltimore Business Man Terminates His Own Existence.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 3.—Thomas B. Schall, president of the Schall Packing Co., Atlantic wharf, East Pratts, committed suicide by shooting himself in the left temple, in his office this afternoon. He had been affected by melancholia for some time.

Mr. Schall was one of the largest pineapple importers of the United States, and probably did more to build up that trade with Baltimore than any other man in the business. He established canneries at Nassau, and maintained a large fleet of vessels between the Bahamas and Baltimore during the season. He was universally esteemed as a business man and promoter of the interests of the port.

ANOTHER BALLOON REPORT.

Halifax Citizen Thinks He Saw Andree's Passing Over That Place.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 4.—A special to the Globe from Halifax, N. S., says: A well known and reliable citizen says he saw a huge balloon pass over this city yesterday. It was plainly visible and he thought it was attached to a car. It was sailing along in a western direction and was constructed on a much larger scale than any balloon seen here. He believes it was Andree's balloon.

PRACTICAL POLITICS.

Have Now Come to Include the Federation of the Empire.

GLASGOW, Nov. 3.—In the course of a speech here to-day, the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain stated that the relations between Great Britain and South Africa had greatly improved of late adding: "There are signs that the colonies demand a closer union and the prospect of a really united empire is becoming a question of practical politics."

PRINCE OF WALES SUED

An Extraordinary Case Heard and Dismissed by the Lord Mayor's Court.

Erratic Plaintiff Brings Purely Vexatious Charges and Insults the Judges.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—There was an extraordinary case heard before the Lord Mayor's court to-day, when a man named Hinde sued the Prince of Wales to recover £60,000 alleged to have been wrongfully paid him by the late undersheriff Croll, who was the liquidator of the United Kingdom Electric Telegraph Company. The plaintiff declared that the money belonged to a certain Mr. Allen, of whose estate he was the assignee, and he further claimed the sum of £150,000 from Lord Suffolk, alleging that the latter has suborned Croll to commit perjury before Lord Bramwell at the trial in 1877, in connection with the liquidation.

Mr. George Lewis, in behalf of the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Suffolk, asked that the proceedings be quashed on the grounds that the allegations were nothing more than a frivolous and vexatious issue of nonsense, and he submitted an affidavit to that effect.

The plaintiff then addressed the court, declaring he had been told that the Prince of Wales had received the money referred to and then he proceeded to charge Lord Bramwell with defrauding Allen's widow out of £150,000 in order to obtain promotion and a peerage. The plaintiff was here stopped by the court with the warning to speak respectfully of judges. Finally the court stopped the case and dismissed the action.

CHAMBERLAIN AND RHODES.

Their Names Enthusiastically Cheered at a South African Gathering.

CAPETOWN, Nov. 4.—A despatch from Buluwayo says that the newly constructed railway was formally opened to-day in the presence of Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony and high commissioner of South Africa, and a large assemblage of South African officials, railway magnates and capitalists.

A cable message of congratulation was received by Sir Alfred Milner from Mr. Chamberlain, British secretary of state for the colonies. The Hon. Cecil Rhodes was unable to be present at the ceremony owing to illness. His name and that of Mr. Chamberlain were cheeced with great enthusiasm.

AIRSHIP TESTED.

German Military Experiment With Partially Satisfactory Results.

BERLIN, Nov. 4.—The Schwartz aluminum airship, fitted with a benzine motor, was tested to-day on the Tempelhof field, in the presence of a number of generals and the chief of the army airship department. The airship rose a thousand feet, floated in the air 12 minutes, and at first obeyed the man steering it, but later he was unable to steer it against the strong wind which prevailed. The experiment was considered to be partly successful.

ANOTHER RAILWAY WRECK.

Chesapeake & Ohio Express Leaves the Track With Loss of Life and Many Injured.

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., Nov. 4.—The Chesapeake & Ohio express known as the F.F.V., from Cincinnati to Washington, was wrecked near Old Shadwell, five miles east of this place, this afternoon. Four persons were killed and seventeen injured. The cause of the accident has not been definitely ascertained, but it is believed to be due to spreading of the rails.

The engine left the track on a sharp curve and was hurled against a rocky hill. All of the cars except the dining car and Richmond sleeper were derailed. The cars plunged end foremost down the steep embankment and one of them went into the river, which at this point skirts the track. The day passenger coach and the express car were completely wrecked. As the locomotive plunged from the rails and overturned Engineer Duke was hurled from the cab and crushed under the engine, besides being terribly scalded by escaping steam. He was rescued by his fireman and the conductor.

HALIFAX INDIGNANT.

Government's Proposition to Make It Only a Port of Call Not Acceptable.

TORONTO, Nov. 4.—(Special)—The Halifax correspondent of the Mail says: Much indignation is felt here among both political parties at the decision of the government to give a subsidy of $126,000 to the Beaver line for a weekly mail service to St. John, and possibly calling at Halifax. Hon. A. G. Jones, minister of militia in the Mackenzie cabinet, in an interview with the Mail expresses strong condemnation of the course of the government.

QUEBEC WONDER WORKER.

To Set Out for the North Pole in a Skiff of Marvellous Properties.

QUEBEC, Nov. 4.—(Special)—A certified captain of this city, supported by the Royal Society of Canada, is organizing an expedition to go to the North Pole next spring. He is working on an entirely different plan from other explorers who have tried to reach that point. He will apply to both local and federal governments for assistance toward bringing his scheme to a practical end. He proposes to use one of the Dominion government's cruisers as far North as possible, when he will take a skiff of his invention which will travel over ice and up hill without any assistance. Seven men will compose his party. He has already chosen some of these men.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Two Ports of Call in Canada Making Difficulty About Atlantic Mail Contract.

Government Telegraph Extension in Quebec—The New Stamps—Contracts Awarded.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Nov. 4.—The government telegraph line will be extended 80 miles nearer Belle Isle, from which point it is now only 350 miles distant.

The Beaver line are finding difficulty in closing the mail contract owing to the condition requiring the steamers to call at Halifax. The C.P.R. opposes this and the steamship company does not want it, as they say it will cost them $33,000.

Rev. M. F. Finn, of Portage la Prairie, has been appointed chaplain of the Manitoba penitentiary.

The department of inland revenue has received a request to send samples of extra Manitoba hard wheat to Belgium. Tests are being made in Brussels of all known qualities of wheat.

The British consul at Barcelona reports a good market for Canadian lumber in Spain.

Mr. Mulock has presented to resident newspaper correspondents specimens of the new postage stamps which will be issued in a few weeks. The design is very neat, a vignette of the Queen being included in an oval border with the words "Canada postage" and the particular denomination of the stamp—"one cent," "two cent," etc. A maple leaf is placed in each corner.

Contracts for militia supplies to barracks, stores, camp equipment, etc., have been awarded. They go to Ontario and Quebec firms.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Record Cattle and Wheat Shipments—Increase in Homestead Entries.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 4.—(Special)—Messrs. Gordon and Ironsides, the well-known cattle shippers, last week made a record in the matter of cattle shipments from this province, sending out upwards of 4,000 head. Of these 2,000 were sent east, 600 south, and 500 west, the last for the ranches.

Evangelist Moody arrived to-day, and opened a week's services to-night before an audience of 3,000 at the Brydon rink.

The schooner Amazon, in tow of the steamer Bulgaria, left Fort William to-day with the largest cargo of wheat ever shipped from that port. She contained 210,000 bushels loaded by the Northern Elevator Company.

At the Liberal convention held at Nesbitt to-day F. O. Fowler was nominated as candidate for South Brandon.

Winnipeg bank clearings for the week totalled $3,342,880.

Homestead entries for lands in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories have increased this year at least 35 per cent. over those of 1896.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and ex-Premier Peters reached here to-day en route to Victoria, B.C., where they will reside.

Premier Haultain presented the supplementary estimates in the Northwest legislature to-day. He explained that the financial year ended in August last, and since then no supplies had been available. The salaries since the 1st of September were unpaid, and the voting of supplies immediately is therefore necessary.

A young man named MacBeth was seriously injured yesterday at Kildonan by the bursting of a gun, receiving the charge in his side.

Capt. S. T. Scott, of Vancouver, B.C., passed through the city to-day for England.

QUESTIONABLE REVENUE.

Queer Process for Collecting "Fines" Reported from the Interior.

NELSON, Nov. 1.—(Special) — Ollie Clark to-day paid a fine of $15 and costs for visiting a house of ill-repute. Clark is a well known bar tender of this city and the case attracted a great deal of attention. During the hearing a small sensation was developed by the woman whom Clark had been visiting. She produced a receipt for $20, signed by City Clerk Sealey, and said that she had paid the amount for the privilege of conducting a house of prostitution. The receipt stated that the money was paid for "Miscellaneous." After the trial the city clerk was asked if all those who kept houses of the description named held these $20 licenses. He said they were not "licenses," but that the money paid for them was more in the nature of "fines," exacted to save the trouble of arresting and fining them. He was acting under the mayor's instructions in proceeding in this manner. Some of the people who attended the trial thought it strange a man should be fined for visiting a house which carried such an authority from the city.

A REMARKABLE CRIME.

A Young Man of Vancouver Robs His Friends and Exiles Himself Without Excuse.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 4.—(Special)—F. S. Kersey, a very engaging American young man of education, has left the city after forging the names of two friends to cheques and stealing an entire outfit from the sleeping apartments of intimate friends. A letter, dated at Victoria, yesterday announces that the writer is over the line, after doing up his friends. The writer glories in his crime and calls himself a criminal. It is thought he is a morphine fiend and is still in Victoria. He threw up a salary of $100 a month to steal $50.

The "Yantic's" Progress.

MONTREAL, Nov. 4.—The U.S. warship Yantic, en route for Detroit, went into drydock here this afternoon. The plan of cutting her in two has been abandoned, and instead she will be lightened and pontooned through the St. Lawrence canals.

TRADE OF THIS WEEK.

Satisfactory Reports From Many Quarters With Winter's Approach Stimulating Business.

Canadian Railways Show Immense Increase in Traffic—Reports on Local Points.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Killing frosts in the South and the raising of the quarantine embargoes at nearly all states invaded by yellow fever, the resumption of traffic and a prospective revival in demand for staple merchandise, constituted the trade features for the week. Features at the larger Pacific coast cities are confined to sales of merchandise and provisions for the Klondyke and to heavy foreign shipments of wheat and flour. The larger Eastern cities report no increase in the general merchandise movement. Leading manufacturing industries continue fairly well employed. Rhode Island woollen mills are advancing wages of employees. While there has been a moderate reaction in iron and steel, the furnaces and mills continue well employed, and the outlook for higher quotations next year is unchanged. In addition to lower prices for Southern and Bessemer pig and for steel billets, quotations for naval stores, wools, copper, coffee, pork, flour, oats and wheat are lower, while those for cotton print cloths, sugar and beef are unchanged, and for indian corn, lead and lard a shade higher.

There are 223 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 218 last week, 223 in the week a year ago, and 260 two years ago.

Bank clearings for 87 cities for the week ending November 4, as telegraphed to Bradstreet's, show total clearances $1,216,346,718, an increase of 22.2 per cent. as compared with the corresponding period last year. The clearances for the Dominion of Canada were as follows: Montreal, $13,995,105; increase, 5.3 per cent. Toronto, $8,126,794; increase, 39.12 per cent. Halifax, $1,643,211; increase, 43.8 per cent. St. John, $538,534; decrease, 13.5 per cent. Hamilton, $671,777; decrease, 11.1 per cent.

TORONTO, Nov. 5.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: In the Montreal district there has been, since last report, a bountiful rainfall which will be of incalculable benefit to the country not only in extinguishing fires and making fall plowing possible, but also in replenishing wells, which in some districts were exhausted, farmers having to draw water for stock, etc. The trade movement is fairly held at the level last noted, in some few lines the demand may not be so brisk, but the going into effect of winter freight rates on the 15th instant hastens the dispatch of heavier goods. City retail business in the dry goods line is not very active, but wholesalers continue to report the receipt of satisfactory country sorting orders. The wet cooler weather, has stimulated the retail demand for shoes, rubbers and clothing. For general groceries there is continued activity in inquiry with further stiffening in values of dried fruits, canned vegetables, etc. General collections still improve. There has been some further depreciation in cheese values, with some check in buying for export. No new features present themselves in the money market, call funds being quoted at 4 per cent.

There is practically no change in the trade situation at Toronto. The demand for wools and heavy dry goods generally has been restricted in consequence of mild weather, and prices show little change. A fair sorting up trade in fancy goods, hosiery, etc., has been done. Stocks of merchandise at country points generally speaking are not large, and with seasonable weather an increased movement would be in order. Wholesale dealers in groceries, hardware and leather report a satisfactory trade. Payments continue good and prices in most instances are firm. There continues to be a good export trade in wheat and flour. Several large Western millers have orders ahead to keep them busy all month and the prices are satisfactory. Red wheat is in best demand for export. Prices of dressed hogs are lower, the mild weather causing packers to hold off.

Railway traffic continues heavy. The gross earnings of the C.P.R. for the month of October were $2,784,000, which is an increase of $693,000 as compared with October, 1896. Grand Trunk earnings for the first three weeks of October were $1,629,753, an increase of $49,908, as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Money is easy. Call loans at Toronto are at 4 per cent. and prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent.

The Bank of England discount rate is unchanged at 3 per cent., and the open market rates are easier at 2 13-16 to 2⅞.

Failures for the week were 30 against 52 for the same week of last year.

Dun's review of Canadian trade will say to-morrow: Canadian trade has been somewhat improved by more seasonable weather in retail trade at Quebec; though it is less active at Vancouver. Collections are fair at Halifax and Victoria; good at Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver; somewhat improved at Montreal and Quebec. Montreal reports trade satisfactory. At Toronto wholesale business is very satisfactory in groceries, hardware and leather, with fair sorting-up orders in fancy goods and hosiery. At Winnipeg wholesale orders from the country are steady for staple goods, and clearings indicate a larger volume of business than in any previous week. Retail trade at Victoria, except in boots and shoes, is less active, and wholesale trade is quiet in groceries, dry goods and hardware; but October business on the whole exceeds last year's. Trade in all lines is generally good at Vancouver with most encouraging prospects.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Fritz Miller, of Circle City, has again returned to the Queen's.

TO THE
TOILER!

How do you feel when your work is done? Is your back weak? Are you weary? Do your nerves tremble?

Do you feel as if all your strength was gone—that you are not able to stand the work you used to? Does old age seem to be coming on, while you are still young in years? Does your back give out? Then get

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Coal Oil Cans by Tens of Thousands Soon to Be Made at Westminster.

Nanaimo's Tax on Insurance Companies—Preparation for Brisk Coal Shipping.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 4.—Contracts are being drafted for signatures between the F. A. Robins Pressworks, of San Francisco, and Messrs. Bell-Irving & Patterson, provincial agents of the Automatic Can Company, of this city, for the necessary machinery for the manufacture of five-gallon oil tins used by the Standard Oil Co., with a daily capacity of 2,500 tins; also machinery for the making of other tins not heretofore made by the company. The manufacture of a fair proportion of the immense number of oil cans used by the Standard Oil Company in Canada, in this city, will be a fairly good operation for the town.

Jas. Wilson, who has been for a few months in the employ of Wm. Tietjen at the Mainland Cigar factory here, was yesterday taken to the provincial asylum for the insane for treatment.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Nov. 4.—A meeting of citizens was held yesterday afternoon to discuss a communication received from Mr. James Dunsmuir, which was a reply to a request made by a committee of citizens to him to make Nanaimo the terminal point for shipping the coal from the new mines, namely, the Alexandra and Wellington extension, now being developed. Mr. Dunsmuir regretted that no wharfage facilities could be obtained in Nanaimo from lack of depth of waterfront. The only point which would be for the benefit of the city would be near the site of the East Wellington wharf; he had hitherto not succeeded in getting any concessions from the Vancouver Coal Co. as to this point, and unless he could the coal company would be compelled to make Oyster Bay the shipping point. After some discussion it was resolved that the committee meet Mr. Robins in a body and ascertain from him whether the land to the amount of fifteen feet could be obtained in the vicinity of the old East Wellington wharf and if so, upon what terms.

In an interview with the Free Press Mr. Robins, of the New Vancouver company, stated it was the intention of the company to use large steamships more extensively, if not exclusively, in the transportation of the coal from their mines to their principal markets at San Francisco and the more southern ports of California. To facilitate the more rapid loading and dispatching of steamships the company have decided to make extensive alterations and additions to their present Esplanade loading docks, so that at least two of the large colliers can be taking on cargo at one and the same time. The present facilities of the company enabled them to load into the steamship Peter Jebsen 4,800 tons of coal in the short space of 28 hours. To more than double this would mean the ability to ship 10,000 tons in twenty-four hours.

At the last meeting of the city council a letter from Mr. P. R. Brown, of Victoria, agent for the London and Canadian Fire Insurance Company, re payment of insurance tax, was read, referring to the annual tax of $100 on fire insurance companies. He said: "We are informed that many of the companies will evade this tax by having their business written in this city and Vancouver, and the renewal receipts will be surreptitiously handed the assured. We should like to know how you intend overcoming this. We consider the fee an equitable tax, as it will enable your honorable body to place the fire department on a better footing, and thus provide means to fight fire. But we do not consider it equitable to charge one company and permit another to go free."

DUNCAN.

DUNCAN, Nov. 4.—An inquest on the Clemclemalutz Indian named Edward, who died in a canoe in the straits, between San Juan and Saanich, which was adjourned from Saturday last to take the evidence of the doctor who had to make a post mortem examination of the remains, was completed at the court house, Duncan, to-day, before Coroner Wellburn. After hearing the evidence of Dr. M. F. Lucas the jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes. The post mortem showed serious disease of the heart and lungs.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—Thomas Jones is out as a straight Conservative candidate for the mayoralty.

AN INTERRUPTED VOYAGE.

Steamer Southwark Discovered to Be on Fire Two Hundred Miles Out From New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The steamer Southwark unexpectedly reported at her pier, at the foot of Fulton street, at 3:30 p.m. At seven o'clock yesterpay morning, when the vessel was about 220 miles off Sandy Hook, some of the crew saw smoke coming up through the ventilators forward, and at the same time there was a good deal of heat felt in that quarter. The crew immediately set to work and dug down to the hatches in the lower hold where about 26 bales of cotton, with some grain, oats and dried brewers' grain, were stored. The smoke was very dense and the heat increasing, when steam was turned on into the otherwise airtight compartment. In addition to this, two lines of hose were brought to bear upon the hold and its contents, and through these lines more steam was propelled.

About 10 o'clock Capt. Bence decided to turn about and go back to New York. On the way back the hold was flooded with water, which was pumped out again early this morning in order to lighten the ship sufficiently to enable her to cross the bar. The passengers were informed as to what had occurred and there was no excitement among them at any time. Mr. Wright said that of course he could not say what damage had been done, or when the ship would be ready to sail again, until the hold had been cleaned up. There was no danger at any time of the fire spreading, as the modern improvements, such as bulkheads and air-tight compartments, reduced the danger of fire at sea to a minimum.

FOUR CHILDREN MURDERED.

A Horrible Crime Reported from the Backwoods of Quebec.

MONTREAL, Nov. 5.—A horrible crime is reported from Rawdon, a village in the woods back of Joliette, four children of a man named McNulty being found murdered in a horrible fashion. The unfortunate children were girls aged respectively 18, 16 and 14, and a boy aged 10. The discovery of the dreadful affair was made by a friend of the family named Morrin a merchant of Cheertsey. He called at the house in the afternoon and found the door broken in and two of the children lying on the floor with their heads cut off. He went out and found another girl dead on the road to the barn. Entering the barn he found the oldest girl dead there with her clothing all torn. Morrin quickly gave the alarm to the neighbors, all of whom live a considerable distance from the scene. The parents were sent for at once and returned immediately. No motive can be assigned for the crime except that of outrage. Suspicion is attached to a tramp named Murphy. It is supposed that he found the girl of eighteen alone in the house and attempted to assault her and that the others came unexpectedly upon the scene. The father and mother were absent in St. Julien. The whole country is worked up over the murder, and officers of the law have been sent to the scene from here.

MILITARY REFORM.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer Says That Is Needed Rather Than an Increase in Numbers.

LONDON, Nov. 5.—There was a flood of political speeches last evening. Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, spoke at Norwich; Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, at Sheffield, and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain at Glasgow. Mr. Chamberlain's speech was an elaborate defence of the general policy of the government.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, who was the principal speaker at the Cutlers' banquet maintained the attitude he assumed two years ago, that England needs reform in military matters rather than an increase in the army, which he called "the costliest army in the world." He said that if it could be shown that an increase is imperative the nation would cheerfully pay the cost, but he was by no means convinced that a mere increase of men and expenditure is all that is needed.

The Times hints editorially that three such speakers defending the policy of the government on the same night savors of a waste of energy and it would have been better to spread over a moderate period. The Morning Post also complains of "such a waste of energy."

The Fever Abating.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 4.—The state quarantine was raised against all points by Governor Johnston this morning, and persons, as well as freight, can come and go to and from the state at pleasure. Montgomery has raised all quarantines and, with the exception of a few surrounding towns and shotgun quarantine in the country, all the restrictions are off.