THE ALSEK DIGGINGS. Returned Traveler Says Outlook The Mining

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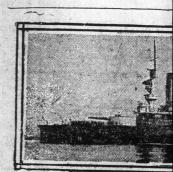
## **Phillippines Fortificatio**

United States Congress cusses Question of Defend For Islands

Representative Douglas Somebody is Being Shield in Postal Trial.

Washington, Feb. 18.-The Hou washington, Feb. 18.—The Hous day passed to the fortification applation bill. The Philippine question the subject of a brief discussion, item in the bill provided for fortitions in the insular possessions. Smith of Kentucky (Democrat) program amendment to preclude the usany part of the appropriations for fications in the Philippines, ho that an expenditure of the sum in stary to uronerly fortify the islender. tican side, seconded Mr. Littau New York, who was in charge bill in opposition to the amendment claring that it was the duty of e Smith amendment son of Indiana (De successful effort

REDUCTION IN WAGES Pittsburg, Feb. 18.-The official



THE RUSSIAN B WIRINGS FROM

LADYSMITI Son of Capt. Parker Falls Dow Hold of Ship and Is Badly

Injured. From Our Own Correspondent. Ladysmith, Feb. 18.—A young lad, the son of Captain Parker of the fulk Or gon, fell down the hold of the vessel ye

decided that the present school house is not large enough to accommodate all the children in the town. Two more room will consequently be erected at the other end of the town.

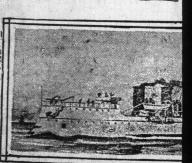
The Ladysmith City Band announce a grand concept to table language. a grand concert to take place in Opera house on the 17th of March, splendid programme is being preparably the directors. Another boxing coutest is to take place in the Opera house on Saturday, the contesting parties being George Hanna and Alf. Scurry. A very hot time is an ticinated.

The steamer Selkirk left Ladysmit with about 180 tons of Tyee matte to Tacoma. The ship W. H. Lacy, fro San Francisco, is in loading coal.

YACHT RACES POSTPONED. Kalamazoo, Mich., Feb. 18.—The in ternational ice yacht races were again postponed today owing to the great amount of snow on the ice. INHALED DEADLY FUMES.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—As a result of a small fire in the premises of the Toronto Engraving Company this morning, two firemen, Arthur Potts and Cecil Stuart, are in a hospital dangerously ill. The doctors have but slight hopes of their recovery. During the fire a bottle of mitric acid exploded and the two men in question and a few others inhaled the fumes. The fire was out in a few minutes with less than \$50 damage.

THAWING DYNAMITE. Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 18.-George



Caris, a Polander, cook in a Pigeon river lumber camp, was blown to fragments and his shanty wrecked by an explosion of dynamite Monday. Karis endeavored to thaw eighteen sticks of dynamite around the stove.

Nanaimo Also Indignant.—Discussing the finding of the Seattle court of inquiry into the Claikam disaster, the Free Press of that city says: "Even if DeLaunay's ignorance of the machinery under his care sank the ship, it was Roberts, and not DeLaunay, who sent away the boats without skilled officers on board, and it was Roberts and not DeLaunay who ordered the Clailam to be towed to Port Townsend where repairs would be cheap, instead of the nearest shelter. For such acts as these a year's suspension is an elaborate insult to the relatives of the victims. It is to be hoped that means will be found to bring both Roberts and Delaunay before a British court of justice. The quality which obtains on the Sound is not quite up to our standard, far as is the latter from all that it might be,