OF DEAD T HORROR

BODIES VIRGINIA MINE

of Explosion Pressibility of Any rvivors.

Va., Jan. 13.-Rescue essantly all night at coal mine, the scene plosion, and at 10.30 bodies had been reno change in the estie number ranging from

te of the number of more than 100. The and the deadly gas. of the awful force of clude any chance of the men alive. The he mine is four miles om one side of the other. Debris was entries, which gives e tremendous force of ne of the men must to pieces, and others fans which furnished r the workings, as in on, were not disabled cing fresh air into the

named Surratt, of who went to the mine the other explosion ty, accepted positions osed to be victims of dent. Bystanders explosion say that mine almost simulthe detonations, and sucked back in es into the mine. southwest Virginia pany mine 360 mer

that has occurred is owned by the solidated Collieries Co. EFUGEES

VE IN NEW YORK

terday's horror is the

Survivor in Family -Voyage of Gloom.

in. 13.—Bringing the first he earthquake district. ed Italia arrived to-day d Southern Italy points. r 1300 passengers were lages near the earththe shadow of the diteamer. The horrors of ere borne in upon the engers and crew by had witnessed in the the Italian and Sicilian the steamer had touch-

of the disaster by wireyage from Genos to arrival at Naples he saw ming by hundreds by loss of relatives and st of them utterly desti-

here were similar scenes Red Italia who has perce of the earthquake to sippi Gudrini. He was in the disaster occurred and of six, a will and five alive. Gudrini said that shock occurred he and shed to the streets. In they became separated. r his wife and little ones to abandon all hope of alive. Then in despair he ated town.

ONE DYING. ING FROM FLAMES

mbers of Railroad r's Family Have row Escape.

Conn., Jan. 13-In a fire the residence of Samuel ral manager of the New ven & Hartford railroad -day, his mother, Mrs. her life: his mother-in-Corbin, was probably ind his wife, his daughter young son, and Mr. Higbarely escaped death in . It was as a result of t Mrs. Corbin was fatally

who matriculated from school of this city. cGill University faculty an excellent record in as examinations. His Latin (1st year), first in rigonometry (lst year), lass; Physics (1st year). Geometry class; George (1st second class

____ ing inspector has issued leadge Walton for the dwelling on Esquimalt \$800, and to R. Selkirk to be erected on Doug-

ria Fruit Growers' Ashold their annual meet-morning at 10:30 o'clock of Trade rooms. All requested to be present.

ONE HUNDRED MAY BE DEAD

MANY ENTOMBED BY MINE EXPLOSION

Tragedy Follows Tragedy in W. Virginia Property-Property Reported Safe.

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 12.-As the re sult of another explosion at the Lick Branch mine at Switchback, about 20 miners were killed at 8:30 o'clock this morning. The number may be largely moreased, as from 280 to 300 miners were at work at the time, and it had not been ascertained shortly before

noon how many had survived. On December 8th last an explosion occurred in this property, which up government accepts the Austro-Hun-to that time had been regarded as a garian offer of \$1,800,000 as indemnity building was a heap of burning ruins, model mine. On that occasion the for the annexation of Bosnia and Her-the flames, in spite of the concentrated in connection with that explosion was ceived Marquis Pallavicini, the Ausbrought to the surface last Friday, tro-Hungarian ambassador, at noon to-water was turned off. declared that the mine was again safe of the council of the ministers. and that work could be resumed. Most of the miners who were en-

it was reported to be safe. In spite proposals for a settlement of the dispany and is situated in the Tug River settlement agreeable to Turkey, testitors, that until the December exprotion had been unusually free from

MONTREAL'S ELECTRIC CRISIS.

City May Be Deprived of Light if it Does Not Come to Company's Terms

Montreal, Que., Jan. 12 .- At its meet. ing yesterday afternoon the city council considered the threat of the Montreal Light Heat and Power company to cut the growded house. Their rendering of off the city's electric lights on the 15th, many of the difficult pieces was exmatter to arbitrators without binding velous. them in any way. After some hours' discussion it was decided to instruc the company to continue lighting the streets until the appropriation made at the begnnus of the year, which

Just what is the meaning of the resolution adopted is not plain, and it stionable if the city controller will feel justified in paying the company hat it demands, or will consider that he is only justified in paying at the rate per lamp under the old contract. A lawsuit appears to be in sight.

WROTE MASTERPIECE

Inspiration of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Came in a Vision.

Martford, Conn., Jan. 12.-Rev, Chas. E. Stove, in a speech here last night before a church club, said his mother, Harriet Beecher Stowe, received the idea of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in a vision which she had in church which she saw clearly depicted the pathetic death of old Uncle Tom. He said he mother began the story with F. J. Heney Prosecuting in Case this scene, writing the book backward. that Mrs. Stowe's sister, Mrs. Isabel Beecher Hooker, held communication with spirits concerning her will and the phases of her everyday life.

OVERCROWDED JAILS.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 12.—Sweeping reforms affecting the oriminal classes the District of Columbia are recommended in a report transmitted to congress by resident Roosevelt yesterday with offering a bribe to Fred Nicholas, from the committee appointed under the act of congress of May 26 last year to kevestigate the subject. Justice Stafford of Columbia, is chairman of the nission. The overcrowding of the tails and workhouses, the commission declares to be a stench in the nostrils of everyone acquainted with the sit-

Steedman's aim. To make children Happy & Bealthy. STEEDMAN'S Soothikg POWDERS They provent Min and convulsions and relieve feverish heat.

-STEEDMAN'S

THE BOUBLE SE

CANADA TO TAKE OVER ESQUIMALT

(Associated Press Dispatch.) London, Jan. 12.-The Imperial government will transfer Esquimalt to Canada. The programme for its defence is being carried out by the Dominion as arranged with the home authorities.

TURKEY ACCEPTS AUSTRIAN INDEMNITY

Said to Be Re-

Constantinople, Jan. 12.—The Turkish after which the state mine inspectors day, and notified him of the decision Conference Will Follow.

Vienna, Jan. 12.—The foreign office gared to resume work at the mine has received a dispatch from Marquis Palavicini, the Austro-Hungarian amers, and some colored workers as bassados, in Constantinople, that the laborers. It was stated that the mine was examined early the day before him of the acceptance by the Turkish the new shift went to work, and that government of the Austro-Hungarian of this, however, soon after work was begun the explosion occurred with a This direct arrangement between the death list that will probably far ex-seed that of the December explosion. The mine is the property of the Berlin treaty, which it is presumed here will, without doubt, approve of a

BAND GIVES CONCERT.

Prince Rupert, Jan. 11.-A concer was given by the Kitkatla Cornet band in the Methodist church on Wednes day night and was well attended. The players are all native sons and under the leadership of Joseph Nelson, of Metlakatla, a talented musician and composer of music, the band which now consists of 26 pieces, dispense music that was thoroughly enjoyed b provided the city by that date has not tremely good, and considering that it

PEKIN TELEGRAPHS.

corps has made a strong collective re- their decision. presentation to the Chinese govern ment concerning the board of communications having usurped the full ver one, wherein the defendant ap-control of the Pekin telegraph office, peals from an order of the chief juswhich the Chinese government in 1901

MAYOR OF GRAND FORKS.

AFTER DREAM IN CHURCH G. M. Fripp is Re-Elected by Acclamation-Aldermanic Board.

two nominations for alderman, Jeff
Mavis and H. A. Sheds. The remainder of the board of six will be reappointed by the mayor and two newly elected by the ma

PAT CALHOUN TO ANSWER FOR BRIBERY

Against President of the United Railroads.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 12.—Patrick

Calhoun, of New York, and San Francisco, president of the United Railroads and director of several large cornorations, appeared in the Superior court to-day for the opening session of his trial on an indictment charging him a former member of the board of supervisors, the legislative body of the city and county of San Francisco. The charge is based upon one of the nineteen indictments returned against the railroad president by grand juries, and was an outcome of the municipal scandal of 1906, when sixteen supervisors confessed wholesale acceptances of bribes for the award of privileges to public service corporations, and mayor of the city, Eugene E. Schmitz. ed with bonds fixed at over \$1,000,000. Calhoun, together with three other canoun, together with three other officials of the United Railroads, was peal to; and that the right had never from contagion. been brought over since. "It is gratify accused in the various indictments of

duct the prosecution. Mr. Heney arrived here from the east last night. He was met at the station by a large crowd. The reception accorded the prosecutor was entirely informal. In a short speech he acknowledged the compliment and declared

prosecution of Mr. Calhoun," said Heney. "I am in splendid shape physically, and am eager to resume my A scheme for the adoption of a standard

Special police precautions were taken

to guard the attorney against any repetition of the recent assault on him.

BIG BLAZE AT REVELSTOKE

Piremen Fight Flames With Thermometer Registering Twenty Below Zero.

Revelstoke, Jan. 11.-One of the most disastrous fires that has occurred for me time in Revelstoke took place a MIRACULOUS ESCAPES few night's ago, resulting in the total loss of the big building owned by the P. Burns Company, and occupied by the Mountain Supply Company.

The fire evidently broke out in the responsible for the blaze, and from what can be gathered the fire was burning a considerable time before the fact was noticed. The fire boy promptly responded to the alarm and worked splendidly, although against heavy odds, the intense cold. 20 below Branch mine at Switchback, about 20 Possibility of European War is of frozen toes and fingers. As fast as the water fell it froze and in the mid-

> The building contained a large stock flames licking up these articles rapid- survivors.

MEDALS FROM SCOTLAND.

Donated by Clydesdale Horse Society to New Westminster Fair.

Keary, manager of the exhibition, has all the supplies offered. received word from Glasgow, Scotland, that the Clydesdale Horse Society there has decided to again donate two gold medals for the 1909 exhibition. One for the best Clydesdale horse, any age, and the other for the best Clydesdale mare. any age. The animals to be registered in either the Scottish or Canadian stud

DOES AN APPEAL LIE TO **FULL COURT IN DIVORCE?**

Important and Interesting Point of Law is Being Argued Here To-day.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) It is only the other day that come to some arrangement with the is but a few years since the first Privy Council decision settled that the company as to the price to be paid.

The company offered to submit the at Kitkatla the progress made is mar-had jurisdiction to grant divorces. had jurisdiction to grant divorces. Now the question is raised whether any appeal lies from a single judge to the full court, as constituted for the hearing of appeals, and it happens Diplomatic Corps Objects to Their that one of the judges who will de Being Under Chinese Control. Citie that point is the one whose opinion caused such a flutter among Pekin, Jan. 12.-The diplomatic divorces until the law lords rendered

> The case before the court to-day is that of Brown vs. Brown, a Vancou tice allowing the plaintiff alin agreed should be under foreign super- Her lawyers, E. V. Bodwell, K. C., and C. Killam Vancouver, raise the issue

part callermen at the first meeting which will be held on Monday, January 18th.

PAT CALHOUN TO

The machinery of British Counting of the English divorce court would allow. An appeal was allowed there from the judge-ordinary, who now had the powers formerly possessed only by the full court to grant final decrees, to the wholesale and retai inspection had been taken and a generally excellent condition of affairs found. Many citizens had brought samples of milk to be tested and all round the has exerted all the powers formerly possessed only by the full court to grant final decrees, to the wholesale and retai inspection had been taken and a generally excellent condition of affairs found. Many citizens had brought samples of milk to be tested and all round the has exerted all the powers formerly possessed only by the full court to grant final decrees, to the wholesale and retai inspection had been taken and a generally excellent condition of affairs found. Many citizens had brought samples of milk to be tested and all round the has exerted all the powers formerly possessed only by the full court to grant final decrees, to the wholesale and retai inspection.

The president lives in a glass house, with even a glass door in it, and should remember the old adage. He has exerted all the powers formerly possessed only by the full court to grant final decrees, to the wholesale and retai inspection. their province was analogous to the been under constant supervision.

Judge-ordinary so also was the full Dr. Hermon Robertson, the city the sixty-one years of my life would

for matrimonial causes. if there was analogy to be drawn it must be between the full bench of five members and the three of the probate and although there has been an increase in the number of certain of the probate crease in the number of certain of the "Late" on in this session it is my not deal with matters of appeal not

within its jurisdiction.

that the right of appeal had never been brought into existence here by the Douglas proclamation; that the mitz, and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and with only one judge in the provestion as far as it was applicable; and the Nichi poet, but frends and tears without repeat to persons, reason or time. When Mr. Tillman concluded his remained in of the gentle provestion is addressing the provestion as far as it was applicable; and without the watch with the wat

Mr. Bodwell is being heard this at-

TO REPEAL ANTI-AUTO ACT.

Fifty Largely Signed Petitions Are Cir-

that he had returned to press the graft prosecution cases "until every grafter in San Francisco is put where he belongs."

Charlottetowm P. E. I., Jan. 12.—Filty petitions have been circulated throughout Prince Edward Island for the repeal of the anti-automobile act. They are being largely signed by all classes, including well afford to pay a reasonable fee to the city for the use of the institution and the automobile may yet be farmers, and the automobile may yet be and for that reason alone was the byseen on the roads of this province.

> gauge for Spanish railways, to conform to other European nations, is under consider

SOLDIERS DIG **AMONG RUINS**

AFTER EARTHQUAKE

ground floor, an overheated stove being Survivors Buried for 14 Days in Devastated Messina and Reggio.

Rome, Jan. 12.-The fact that living zero, being responsible for many cases persons still are being rescued from the bw Miss T. Hevitt. Supper was serv ruins of Messina and Reggio has dedle of the flerce furnace could be seen cided the authorities to continue the eral thousands of soldiers are to-day dulged in, employed in this work who otherwise of general goods, including several car-loads of hay, rice and oats, the greedy bution of the necessities of life for the bution of the necessities of life for the

The escapes after fourteen days of burial seem miraculous. In most cases those, now being brought out alive, were imprisoned in rooms and get hold of some little nourishment. Catania Full of Refugees.

Bayern which arrived yesterday has a wide field for its charities here. The town is crowded with refugees and the hospitals and municipal relief committee are eagerly and gratefully accepting all the supplies offered.

Individual trophics that the winners there we have as well be made for these as well crime."

Fruit Market Affected. New York, Jan. 12.—The importation trophies. of fruits and other products from the has been badly disorganized by the cajumped all the way from 25 to 350 per cent. The situation is abnormal, but a vacation prescribed by themselves for return to a normal basis of trade is themseleves. expected within three months, Impor ters expect a repetition of the conditions which followed the California quake in 1906 when prices jumped sensationally for the first few days following the disaster, but settled back again after business had been re-estab in temporary quarters at Oakland and elsewhere. The situation in Italy is in many respects much worse than that which followed the California quake Messina was the main shipping point for lemons to the United States and elsewhere. The United States imports amount to 2,000,000 boxes of lemons

PUBLIC HEALTH OF CITY HAS BEEN GOOD

from Italy annually while California

supplies about 1,500,000 so that more

than half the normal supply has been

Annual Reports Presented Before Board Show Good Conditions.

that there is no appeal in these inter- board of health, held Monday at the stood for nearly three hours vainly locutory proceedings. E. P. Davis, K. C., Vancouver, is representing the defendant appellant. The appeal is being heard by Hon. Justices Irving, recieved. The sanitary inspector's re- Mr. Tillman said, "that having made Grand Forks, Jan. 12.—G. M. Tripp was re-elected mayor of this city by acclamation to-day. There were only two nominations for alderman, Jeff Mayis and H. A. Sheds. The remainder full court to grant final decrees, to The inspector had made a semi-weekly that I stand unscathed, because if all the full court. Mr. Davis argued that inspection of Chinatown and the garas one judge in divorce proceedings in bage wharf and the refuse dumps had the character for rectitude, truthful-

ourt here analogous to the full court health officer, reported in part as fol- at least be my bulwarks. Men who lows; Mr. Justice Clement remarked that "This year the city has enjoyed a free- do not suddenly become liars and

within its jurisdiction.

Mr. Justice Irving considered that crease over last year's numbers of to. For the present I content myself

"It is gratifying to know that the Mr. Tillman was congratulated by a at the first opportunity not only shows Mr. Davis opposed to this the argument that if there had happened to recommend to recommend to provement of certain of the buildings of the company by R. T. In this was constanted by a title in the instantial was constanted by a title instantial was cons having authorized and assisted in the payment of \$200,000 to the supervisors who confessed in return for which, it is alleged, the board granted to the corporation a permanent permit for an overhead trolley on several of the roads formerly operated by a cable roads formerly operated by a cable system. Assistant District Attorney F.

Mr. Davis opposed to this the argument that if there had happened to be no judge when the law was proclaimed it would never have been in force at all, on his reasoning, but that as a matter of fact its provisions came into operation as far as and whenever they became applicable to one for scarlet fever and the other for the law was proclaimed it would never have been in force at all, on his reasoning, but that as a matter of fact its provisions diseases are wonderfully improved the large brick building shaving side that if he would do so the tolls whenever they became applicable to one for scarlet fever and the other for the supervisors at the Isolation hospital were carried as at the Isolation hospital were carried for the treatment of the buildings at the Isolation hospital were carried as the Isolation hospital were carried for the treatment of the into effect this summer, and now the form a London newspaper sprinted in English, regrant or Tillman received a cable. Newspapers printed in English, regrant or Tillman received a cable. Newspapers printed in English, regrant or Tillman received a cable. Newspapers printed in English, regrant or Tillman received a cable at the Isolation hospital were carried into effect this summer, and now the form at Isolation hospital were carried into effect this summer, and now the form at Isolation hospital were carried into effect this summer, and now the form at Isolation hospital were carried into effect this summer, and now the form at Isolation of J. A. Alkman. Other wills which have been proved the late Annie H. Nelson, on provedent in the intervence of the Isolation of J. A. Alkman. Other will be not into effect this summer, and now the fo diphtheria. By virtue of the Isolation request. hospital by-law, which came into effect this year, a reasonable scale of fees was made whereby the corporation could be partially re-embursed for the necessary expenditures entailed in treating these particular maladies.

CROFTON NOTES.

Crofton, Jan, 11.-The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pollard was recently the eene of a pretty home wedding, when their daughter Lavina and Mr. L. licholas, formerly of Crofton, were united in marriage, Rev. W. Forbes Robertson, of Duncan, officiating, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas will reside in Nana

The Crofton young people held a umber of social dances during the noliday season. Mr. Raymond, manager of the Crofton smelter, has left for a three-months' visit to New York. Miss Raymond, who was home

spend Christmas with her parents, has eturned to school at Portland. Last Wednesday a dance was held ere, a number of couples coming from Chemainus. The music was rendered ed about midnight in Pierce's hotel just opposite the hall. The lakes around here are now cover-

icicles hanging from the blackened excavations of the wreckage, and sev- ed with ice and skating is being in-

NELSON CURLING CLUB. Pither & Leiser of Victoria Present

Four Individual Trophies. Nelson, Jan. 11.-The Nelson Curling Club starts the season with the larg- murder of Gideon Browning by the control of the co their situation was such that they could everything points to the year being an get hold of some little nourishment.

Mich., it is expected that inquiry will had he known what the new classification involved he would never have the entra skips have been added to the igan reveal an unwillingness on the igan reveal an unwillingness on the sanctioned it. The order for the annulment of the new classification came Catania, Jan., 12.—The relief ship list already published, bringing the part of the officials to accept the as a sequence of a sharp argument, in theory of Carmichael's insanity as which Judge Mabee outlined his positotal up to 27. Pither & Leiser of Victoria, have evolved from his strange confession. tion and took the whole blame for the presented the club with four beautiful individual trophies which will become

> the Burns and Bunyan earthquake stricken districts of Italy TOOK EXTRA WEEK'S HOLIDAY. tastrophe and as a result prices of the products of Sicily and Calabria have Toronto university is off. The students have returned after the extra week's

> > "BESTRIDES THE WORLD LIKE A COLLOSSUS"

Attack on President Roosevelt.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Being greeted by applause from the galleries the city council of the corporation of when he entered the senate chamber the city of Nelson, B. C., and with peryesterday to reply to President Roosevelt's strictures in respect to his connection with Oregon timber lands ratorical effort. He was accorded carecity by visitors who occupied all the seats and standing room, while without the entrances, long lines of men and At the final meeting of the present women unable to gain admittance,

"It has been expected and desired,"

other arguments fail to convince men have always been clean and honorable

and matrimonial division in England. contagious diseases, the general health purpose to devote some time to bring-The full court as known here was a of the community has been on the statutory appellate body, which could whole very satisfactory. "The dry summer and delayed fall of the United States see what character Mr. Justice Irving considered that the English divorce act was in force so far as to give jurisdiction to the British Columbia courts, but that this did not necessarily imply that every part of the English act was in force here.

Mr. Davis contended that the right of appeal was in force and that the full court had power to hear appeals.

Mr. Justice Clement was of opinion that the right of appeal had never been brought into existence here by sued by the syncial Board of Health.

CANONIZING JOAN OF ARC.

"Tute," occurred this morning in the presence of the Pope and the Congress The foreign office is endeavoring to Fort street residence, some that had

law drawn up and placed before the other European nations, is under consideration by the government of that country.

In twelve months tigers in India were drowned to the cock bird, so it, is drowned. The Polynesian proceeded on here way.

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NEWFOUNDLAND LEGISLATURE

(Special to the Times). Ottawa, Jan. 12.-A private despatch from St. Johns announces saw-off arranged of all election petitions and that the legislature will meet in February

with the same balance of par-

ties as after the elections.

DEEP MOTIVE BEHIND GHASTLY CHURCH MURDER

Death Bed Confession Clergyman, Who Suicided, is Not Believed.

Cartage, Ill., Jan. 12.-When the auto the circumstances attending the "I shall always believe," said Prose-

Port Huron, asserts his belief that Car-michael's last letter was not intended bility, Judge Mabee made it plain that the board's traffic officers had not for a death-bed confession, but was written with the idea that he would declared, amounted to a substantial Toronto, Ont., Jan. 12.—The strike at be taken back for trial. Sheriff Weg- increase in rates, which the board enseil, the Michigan officer, who is would not as yet pronounce upon nor here to-day taking the lead in the investigation, is convinced that there was a woman in the case.

Would it sanction.

The indications are that the prob-

Mayor Taylor Gives Recommendations to ex-Chief of Nelson Fire Brigade.

Nelson, Jan. 11.-The following letter Senator Tillman Makes Striking was given by Mayor Taylor, on behalf of the city, to Thomas Deasy on his retirement from the position of chief of an increase of nearly one hundred per the fire brigade:

Office of the Mayor Nelson, B. C., Jan. 4th. 1909. To all whom it may concern: Pursuant to unanimous resolution of

sonal pleasure I acknowledge the very efficient and valuable service rendered Officers Elected at Session Held this city by Thomas Deasy as chief of nection with Oregon timber lands the fire department, which office he transactions, Senator Tillman, of South voluntarily resigned. It was Chief Carolina, proceeded to read his pre- Deasy's duty to thoroughly reorganize pared remarks with little attempt at the fire department of this city, and by his marked zeal, good ability and perseverance he has not only placed the ful attention by senators on both sides department upon a first class basis and of the chamber, the public and private greatly developed it, but has by his at- Land Surveyors commenced their angalleries being taxed to their full capa- tention to the broader duties of his nual convention this morning at the office and as fire warden, been the means of greatly lowering the fire re-

cord of the city. I willingly and with confidence recommend Chief Deasy's services to any desiring a thoroughly competent chief of fire department. (Sgd.) S. S. TAYLOR,

A FAMOUS YACHTSMAN Death of Captain John Barr Who Sailed in America Cup Races.

Boston, Mass. Jan. 12.—Capt. John
Barr, who sailed the yacht Thistle when
the Scottish challenger for the Amerithe Scottish challenger for the Ameriand E. B. Herman, of Vancouver. in 1887, died at his home in Marblehead yesterday.

CALIFORNIA'S ATTITUDE

IS AGAIN BUGBEAR

Legislation Against Japanese May Once More Bring About Strained Relations.

Tokio, Jan. 12.-Following cable news from San Francisco, relating to the bills now pending before the California legislature, Japanese newspapers

sing to Americans in Japan, especially as this incident follows so closely the creation of an excellent feeling through Rome, Jan. 12.—One of the last pro- American commission to the Japanese ceedings in the beautification of Joan of Arc, the ceremony called in Latin ness men from the Pacific coast of the

Singapore, Jan. 12.—The French liner tions continue extremely pessimistic, the trip some dogs broke int othe pen Polynesian ran down and sank the and some of the editorials are likely and in the morning nothing but feath-Dutch steamer Diamdi at the wharf temporarily to inflame popular opinion here to-day. Seven natives were and seriously hamper the exercise of feathers of the cock bird, so it, is

EXPRESS RATES ON OLD BASIS

COMPANIES EXONERATED FROM SHARP PRACTICE

Abrogation of Present Classification is Regarded as Sweeping Decision.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.-Chairman Mabee, of the railroad commission, yesterday afternoon announced the most sweeping decision which has ever been given by that body, when he read a carefully prepared judgment which abrogated the present express classification and ordered a return to the rates which were in existence prior to the begin ning of the year. The results of this decision cannot as yet be computed orities have satisfied themselves as Judge Mabee, while he carefully exonerated the express companies from Rev. any suspicion of sharp practice, present anomalous condition of affairs cutor Brown of Adair, Mich., "that through his own action in sanctioning there was a deep motive behind the comprehending what they meant Similarly, Under-Sheriff Pettit, of While taking his share of the responsi-

lem will have to be worked out by the DEASY'S SERVICES APPRECIATED. express companies, aided by the patience of the public and occasional appeals to the railway co Chairman Mabee in his decision said the charges on returned empties and the adoption of the weight and measurement rule would largely increase the revenues of the companies. In some cases the new rates would mean

> LAND SURVEYORS ARE IN CONVENTION

This Morning—Banquet To-night.

The Corporation of British Columbia offices of Gore & McGregor, Chancery Chambers, with the retiring president J. H. McGregor, in the chair. There were present about fifteen members

from Vancouver and the mainland points, in addition to those resident in the city, and much interest was taken in the proceedings. The following officers were elected for the coming year; President-W. S. Drewry, of Nelson. Vice-President-W. S. Gore, of Vic-

Secretary-S. A. Roberts, of Victoria (re-elected). Board of Manage This evening the surveyors will dine together at the Boomerang restaurant. and the sessions will be continued to morrow morning with the new presi-

DENIES REPORT.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 12.-R. L. Richardson owner of the Winnipeg Tribune, emphatically denies that he has sold the Tribune, or that he is negotiating for its sale as reported in the Free Press yesterday afternoon. He futher says he has not been approached by anyone connected with the C.P.R. to whom the sale was alleged to have been

TLINESS OF CONAN DOYLE. Noted Author Passes Restless Night. After Operation,

London, Jan. 12 .- A bulletin issued this afternoon saying that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the author, had passed a restless, painful night, was the first public intimation that he had undergone an operation on January 10th. The operation was for a painful though not

tice Hunter in Chambers on Tuesday for the sale of the undertaking and operation as far as it was applicable, ment of the rules be maintained in or applicable, and with only one judge in the province there was no full court to appear as leries against making such demonstrations.

The application for the rules be maintained in or applicable, ment of the rules be maintained in or applicable, ment of the rules be maintained in or applicable, admonished the occupants of the galleries against making such demonstrations.

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-An incident which illustrates the value of the new by-law fathered by the visit of the Atlantic fleet, the Alderman Richard Hall in connection with the dogs of the city occurred of Rights of the Vatican.

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