Lord Strathcona Announces Success of Negotiations for Reduced Rates on Press Messages and Letters

OTTAWA, Dec. 5 .- Hon. R. L. Borden today received a cable from Lord Strathcona embodying a message which he had received from the British postaster general announcing the cutting in half of press cable rates and the institution of night cable letters. The cable says: "His Majesty's gov-

ernment are in cordial sympathy regarding the easy communication of information of common interest as of prime importance in strengthening the cohesion of the empire. I have been in correspondence with the Western Union Telegraph company of the United States connection with the leasing by that company of the cables of the Anglo-American company and the direct United States company. The cables of the Atlantic companies are fully employed during a few hours of the day, but less fully during the remaining hours. I am glad to be able to announce that in view of this fact the companies referred to have consented to accept press messages which are not of an urgent character, and which may be postponed for more urgent traffic, at one half the present rates. For the present the deferment may be less but will not be more than nineteen hours, reckoned from the time of acceptance in the country of origin to the clerk's time of delivery in the country of destination, except that where the cables are congested, some further delay may be unavoidable. I have also obtained consent of the Pacific Cable board, and of the Australian government, to a similar reduction of their charges for press messages of this class. The tariff of the New Zealand government is already very low. and further reduction is not asked. The effect will be that rates on these press telegrams between the United Kingdom on one hand and Canada as well as the United States on the other will be twopence half penny per word, instead of fivepence as now, and between the United Kingdom and Australia and New Zealand the rate will be fourpence half penny a word instead of ninepence.

"I am glad to say also that negotiations which have been proceeding for some time with the cable companies for reducing by one-half the rates for plain language, non-urgent telegrams between the United Kingdom, India, Dominions, crown colonies and the United States have proved successful, and the new arrangement will take effect on January 1 next. Announced at New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 .- As a result of a movement to secure reduction in cable rates between America and Europe, announcement was made today that the British cable and postal authorities, in conjunction with the Western Union International Waterways Commis Telegraph Co. had arranged a system of cable letters, and deferred oress mess, ages costing as low as five cents a word. The new scale, which becomes effective on January 1st, is based on the principle of deferred service; and is as follows: 1. The day cable, \$1.50 for twenty words. 2. The week-end cable letter, \$1.50 for thirty words.

3. Deferred press, five cents a word.

### HIS ABDICATION **COMES TOO LATE**

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there was some truth in reports often current that the youthful princes desired to attack foreigners, hoping to create foreign complications that might benefit the Manchus.

Yuan Shi Kai is powerful now within the limitations of the disrupted government. The rebels say they expect him to manipulate the regiments under the Manchus to make them no longer capable of disturbing the capital, and then the Shanghai assembly of representatives of the rebel and loyal provinces soon to be held, will decide in favor of a republic. The premier has promised to abide by the 'assembly's' direction. The legations of the large powers are increasing their guards to between 300 and 500.

Mail advices just arrived from Sian Fu, dated November 14, make brief mention of the attack on foreigners at that place some time previously. No mention is made of whether foreigners had been injured, but there are indications that the rebels have concealed the

The New Guardians

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- The abdication of Prince Chun as regent and the substitution of Shi Hsu and Hsu Shi Chang as guardians of the Chinese throne are regarded in official circles here as a substantial victory for Yuan Shi Kal, between whom and the retiring regent there has been much bitter feeling ever since Yuan was dismissed from the court in 1909.

Of the two new regents, Hsu Sh Chang is by far the more interesting personality. He is distinctly Chinese by birth, training and aspiration, and has been one of Yuan's staunchest advisers, protesting against his dismissal in 1909 and memorializing the throne since then to cause his return to public life.

Chang was born in Chi-Li and was grand counsellor in 1909, when he was sent to Manchuria on a special assignment. Afterward he was retained there as viceroy until 1909, when he was made president of the board of communication. In addition he was appointed grand secretary, a very high position

Shi Hsu is one of the old timers. He was appointed a grand secretary in 1905 and grand counsellor the follow- summer. It was also suggested that a ing year, Since 1909 he has also occupled the office of junior guardian to the heir apparent and in 1908 has was sent to Stockholm to take part in the president of the council

SHANGHAL, Dec. 6 .- The southern tionists apparently are more tetermined upon effacement of child emperor, as the only terms on which peace can be determined. Notwithstanding the peace negotia-dons at Wu Chang and Shanghai

ided at a meeting tonight to float the first issue of the republican war bonds covering a patriotic and sympathetic loan amounting to 10,000 taels. The bonds will be issued in denominations of 100, 50, 10 and 5, the issue price being 80 per cent of the face value. and the average rate of interest being twelve per cent. They are repayable in six years by the agent of the new re-publican bank, which has a capital of five millions at the present time, sub-

scribed entirely by Chinese. Hope was expressed at the meetin that Americans would be induced to subscribe. One speaker said the United States was the only country to which China looked to for sympathy, as the

United States was the only disinterested friend of the Chinese. Wu Ting Fang has been invited to go to Wu Chang to take part in the

peace negotiations. Missionaries Afraid OLEVELAND, Dec. 6 .- "Circum

stances growing worse .All are leaving This cablegram came today from Shen Chow Fu, province of Hu Nan, China, to the Rev. George Johnson. secretary of the board of missions of

the Evangelic association. The message was signed by the Rev. A. H. Butzbair and wife, of Benton Harbor, Mich., who, with the Rev. C. E. Ransk, wife and two children, of Naperville, Ills., Miss Elizabeth Schemp, of Reutlingen, Germany, and Miss Anna Roeloff, of Hanover, Ontario, have been stationed at Shen Chow Fu.

DISMISSALS OF

CIVIL SERVANTS

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missal. Anyway, the former premier went on, even if the Liberals had been deficient, he would expect that the hon, gentlemen who were on the treasury benches now would at least act according to their own doctrine. He would insist that Mr. Borden force the rule of either giving an official a hearing or requiring members of parliament to put on record reasons for their demands.

Waterways Commission

Sir Wilfrid Laurier concluded his speech by complaining of the supersession of three Canadians whom he had recommended to be members of the joint international waterways Gibbons commission-Sir George Aime Geoffrion and Mr. Barnhill. Messrs. Magrath, Casgrain and Powell were no better than they, and Sir George Gibbons by reason of his experience was the superior of any member of the present commission.

Mr. Foster spoke briefly. After noting that the conviction of an official was a matter of evidence satisfactory to the minister or member of parliament willing to take the responsibility, he dealt effectively with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's complaint about the To have kept three persons rement (but not appointed) would not have been right. The Liberal government had recommended three strong Liberals, to whom the flavor of partizanship was attached. These three men were to have filled an important and confidential office, which could not be held by three strong partizans, opponents of the government. When the Conservatives were in the opposition they had disagreed with the policy of these three gentlemen, and Mr. Foster added that they should have reter added that they should have resigned the moment they knew that their party had gone out of office rather than seek to hold relations with

the inceming government which could neither be pleasant nor proper. Messrs. Carvell, Lancaster, Pelletier and Macdonald also spoke. Hon, Mr Pelletier made the statement that postmasters who were unjustly dismissed in 1896 will be reinstated i they apply. He characterized the way in which the Liberals dismissed civil servants freely, and then demanded that the Conservatives on attaining power, be saints. "Very clever indeed," he said, amid laughter, "but too thin." He added that if any cases were put before him in which a gentleman had been dismissed without evidence he would re-open his case. "I will not be a party to an injustice," he said.

Abdul's Jewels PARIS, Dec. 5.-The date for the sale of the jewels found at the Palace of Yildiz after the dethronement of Abdul Hamid has been fixed for November 25. They will be put up to auction at the Georges Petit Gallery, and it is sertain that never before has anything been seen approaching the quantity and value of the jewels that will come under the hammer. At a rough estimate made by a well-known expert of the Rue de la Pafx they have been valued at close upon \$7,500,000, and a French literary man who was admitted to see them lately declares that he could fancy himself in one of the fabulous treasure houses of the Thousand and One Nights as he saw the sparkling stones being poured out into trays before him like marbles.

Por Single Tax MEDICINE HAT, Dec. 5.—The city council adopted the system of single taxation, and Mayor Milne, mayor-elect Spencer and Aldermen Pringle named legislative committee to go to Edmonton to be present when the bill comes up in the house.

Want Olympic Grant

TORONTO, Dec. 5 .- At a meeting of the Canadian Olympic company held here today it was decided to ask the government for a grant towards financing the Canadian team to the Olympic games at Stockholm, Sweden, next team of Canadian riflemen should be selected from the Bisley contingent and

# G.T.P. DRYDOCK

United States Engineers Engaged for Work Report on Scheme for Ship-repairing Plant and Dock

Messrs. Wm. T. Donnelly and Frank E. Kirby, the United States engineers, appointed by the Grand Trunk Pacific

pile work. The total area of the platform and pier work will be 181,400 square feet. In front of the main platform, east of the pier, there will be built a launching platform for side launching 80 feet wide by 440 feet long.

The United States engineers say: "One of the controlling features in the general plan of development was the fact that the city of Prince Rupert will be 600 miles from the nearest base of supply or point where any considerable assistance, mechanical or otherwise, can be obtained. It was, therefore, determined at the outset that the mechanical equipment, large tools, etc., must be of th very best and most complete. 'Also, that on account of the high price of labor on the Pacific coast, ample provision for the use of power in every way possible should be made. This has resulted in the design of an electric power gener ating station with ample capacity for all present needs and with a large possibility of extension.

The plans provide for a complete ship machine, boiler, blacksmith, carpenter, and other shops. In the machine shop fact of the recent sale of the property machinery will be provided to handle all being driven by individual moters. A 15-ton overhead crane will be provided

for both boiler and machine shops. The drydock will be a pontoon floating deck with capacity of 20,000 tons. It is preposed to construct this dock with the plant to be built at Prince Rupert. The dock will have an overall length of 604.4 feet and clear width of 100 feet, width over-all of 130 feet. Unlike the majority of modern docks timber will be used largely in the construction. The lifting power is the aggregate of 12 pontoons commended by the Liberal govern- of timber construction, united by steel side walls or wings. The construction will be arranged so that part or the whole of the dock may be used. The machinery for pumping the dock will consist of contrifugal pumps operated by electric motors, with capacity sufficient to pump the entire lifting power in two hours.

Two Bills Passed by Duma Submitting Grand Duchy to New Exactions for Benefit of Treasury

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 4 .- The Finnish question is now again on the order of the day in the Russian Duma. The first two bills dealing with Finland were brought forward under the law of June 17 last, whereby the Russian parliament became whereby the Russian parliament occame competent to pass measures for Finland when they concern also the empire at large. The first of the two bills enforces an annual payment by Finland to the Russian exchequer in lieu of supplying Russia with recruits for the army. This short enactment was soon disposed of with the bareat show of opposition from a few members of the Left and the Labor group.

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The second bill compels Finland to grant equal rights to Russians. Both bills were introduced by a remarkable speech from the new premier, M. Kokovtseff, who spoke to a crowded house in the calmest and most convincing manner, and was frequently interrupted by loud applause from the Octobrists and Nationalist deputies.

The minister emphasized the very serious importance of these measures, and the intense public interest in the matter among both Russians and Fins, but from quite different points of view. The great mass of the honest, industrious population of Finland were quite content with the material prosperity and peace secured to them under the protection of the Russian Eagle, but the political circles guiding fhese people regarded the bills now before the Duma as the very essence of Russian oppression.

The Russian public, on the other hand, was wondering how long the law of June 17 was going to remain a dead letter. They wanted to know why 2,000,000 Finns enjoyed all Russian civil and political rights everywhere in the empire, while 150,000,000

wanted to know why 2.900,000 Finns enjoyed all Russian civil and political rights everywhere in the empire, while 150,000,000 Russians were denied all such rights in one small part of the empire called Finland.

The premier here referred in eloquent terms to his predecessor, M. Stolypin, whose premature and tragic end had only intensified the strained relations between Russia

premature and tragic end had only intensi-fied the strained relations between Russia and the Finns for the latter had treated M. Stolypin's death as their opportunity. But Russian policy was not a matter of an in-dividual personality. In questions of state and public importance there can be no ques-tion of any change of views or hesitation on the part of a minister as regards his pre-decessor. on the part of a minister as regards his predecessor.

M. Kokoviseff said he held exactly the
same views as M. Stolypin, and would,
therefore, support and defend the measures
introduced by his predecessor in office.
Besides this, the present bills owed their
origin to the initiative of his Majesty the
Emperor. It was not Russis's fault that
there are no deputies from Finland in the
Duma to take part in the discussion. The
Duma, he was certain, would do its duty.
The reason why general military service

alld not or would not serve in the R my. There was no alternative, their a pecuniary contribution. This con m at present corresponded to about ird of the value contributed by

appointed by the Grand Trunk Pacific Company to prepare plans for the construction of the terminals and floating dock and building yards at Prince Rupert read a paper a few days ago before the United States society of naval architects and engineers at New York, in which they told of their plans.

The first work to be undertaken under their plan will be a pler, 520 feet long and 80 feet wide, with a shore platform 80 feet wide with a shore platform 80 feet wide with a shore platform end of this platform there will be an extension off shore 350 feet long by 350 feet for the attachment of a floating dock. Owing to the excessive rise and fall of tide, about 25 feet, a double line of diagonal bracing will be used in the pile work. The total area of the plat-

## ATTORNEY-GENERAL IS AFTER SCHOOL LANDS

Brings Action Against the and N. Railway for Recovery of School Land Reserve at Comiaken

An interesting case involving the disosition of school lands on Vancouver Island was heard by Mr. Justice Gregory the supreme court yesterday afternoon when Attorney General Bowser brought an action against the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway company for the recovery of lands originally desigbuilding and repair plant with large nated school lands which had recently been sold by the company, But for the it is probable that nothing would have the heavest crank and other shifting for been heard of the case yet as the originlarge steamers and boring, drilling, al disposition was made in 1872. Mr turning machinery, etc. The large tools E. V. Bodwell, K. C., represented the attorney general and Mr. H. A. MacLean, K.C. appeared on behalf of the railway

company. In the year 18.2, under the provisions of the Public School act then in force the government reserved for school purposes the west half sections 8 and 9, range 1, Comiaken district. It so happened that this school reserve was contained in the block of land afterwards conveyed by the Provincial government to the Dominion for the rpose of aiding the construction of the Island railway. It appears that the grant of the block of land convey ed everything within its limits except the lands that had been dealt with by crown grant, agreement of sale, lease alienation by the crown; and naval and military and Indian reserves.

In view of the fact that school re-serves were not specifically excepted from this land the railway company claims that the reserve in question passed into their hands with the award in aid of the construction of the railway. On the other hand the attorney general contends that the setting aside of the land for school purposes, and also the provisions of the statute passed in 1882, to the effect that the government could not sell lands that had been reserved for school purposes except with the consent of the trustees. constituted an alienation of the land, and that therefore the land in question had not passed into the possession of the Dominion government and from the Dominion government to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway company. The case was argued by counsel at

considerable length and at the conclusion of the debate Mr. Justice Gregory reserved judgment.

## CONGRESS AT WORK

Opening of New Session Attended by Representatives WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 .- Congress

eassembled today. It inducted into office two new senators and five new representatives, and the lower branch presented the sensational spectacle of an opening phillippic, a speech Representative Littleton of North Carolina, a Democrat, who for 75 minutes inveighed against the so-called American anti-trust league. Close upon that speech, Republican

leader Mann introduced a resolution calling for a formal investigation of the efforts to "blacken the character It was the first session of the sixtysecond congress. It may stretch over

a period longer than the usual meetings of the congrees. It is counted to deal with the tariff, trusts, currency, arbitration and a host of other big problems, but all activity will be with a view to the effect on the coming presidential campaign.

The senate was in session only 17 minutes, but the house continued its proceedings for 2 hours and 18 minutes. The senate decided to meet hereafter at 2 o'clock until legislative needs out the hour back to noon. The house will meet at noon.

The following were inducted into office: Senators Hoke Smith, of Georgia and Ohadiah Gardner of Maine; Representative Browning, New Jersey; Ainey, Pennsylvania; Taggart, Kan-sas, and McKellar, Tennesse.

Vice-President Sherman was called home by the death of his mother-inlaw, Mrs. Babcock, and the senate designated Senator Curtiss to act as his

Blue Funnel Liner Reached Red Sea Port in Distress on Monday-Tamba Maru Sustains Damage During Gale

The steamer Oanfa, of the Blue Fun nel line, Capt. Lycett, en route from Victoria to Liverpool has put into Perim on Monday with her cargo on fire. The Antilochus, which arrived last week, had fire in her forward hold on her home ward trip, and also put into Perim in distress. No particulars have been received regarding the extent of the damage caused on the Oanfa.

The Awa Maru, of the Nippon Yuse kaisha line, with 60 passengers and a cargo of 4,500 tons, is expected to reach the outer wharf tomorrow morning. The wireless from sea that she would reach quarantine late tonight. The Awa Maru had a heavy freight for Victoria, approximately 1,700 tons. Awaiting the steamer on the Sound is one of the largest cargoes she has taken across the Pacific, about 1,700 tons in all, including 5,000 tons of flour, 1,000 tons of wheat and 1,500 bales of raw cotton.

While two days out from Cape Flat tery the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Tamba Maru, which sailed from Victoria November 21, was caught in one of the heaviest gales that have swept the North Pacific this year. Wireless reports received by several vessels, which were in communication with the liner, say that for thirty hours she was tossed and hammered by giant seas. One of the sailors was hurled against the deck rail ing and seriously injured, and the heavy waves which swept over the vessel broke open her No. 2 hatch, causing damage to her cargo. The Tamba Maru is expected to arrive at Yokohama some time tomorrow, when the extent of the dam age to her shipments will be reported. The vessel sailed from Seattle with a capacity cargo of wheat, flour, cotton nd general merchandise.

The steamer Dunbar, which took cargo of 6,000 tons of coal from Comox for San Francisco, is under charter to the Great Northern Steamship Company to carry overflow cargo from the Minne sota, according to announcement made by the Hill line. She will have 10,000 bales of cotton in her cargo. The Dunbar will not only have the largest cargo of its kind ever sent across the Pacific but will be the first charter made by the Great Northern Steamship Company since its organization.

The Dunbar is owned by the Dunedin Steamship Company, of Leith, Scotland. She was built about twelve years ago and formerly was engaged in carrying coal from England to Mediterranear ports and nitrates from Italy to ports in the Orient.

#### WABASH CHANGES Financial Readingtment and Reorganization Decided Upon at Meet-

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 .- "Financial rediustment and re-organization" of the Wabash railroad was determined on at a meeting of the directors today. It the Wheeling and Lake Erie-Wahash terminal roads will be accepted, thereby materially reducing Wabash's fin-

ancial burden. Winslow S. Pierce, onec a prominent figure in all Gould projects, returned to his early affiliations as chairman of the Wabash board and re-organization committee, succeeding E. F. Jeffrey, who continues as a director. New men on the board are Edwin Hawley, who comes in not because of any interest in Wabash, but as a practical railroad man, Robert Goelt and Alvin W. Krech, president of the Equitable Trust Company, who is trustee of the refunding and extension mortgages of the Wabash.

#### GORGEOUS CEREMONY scension of Throne by New Mizam

Hyderabad Marked by Unusually Grand Procession CALCUTTA, Dec. 4.-The Corona-

tion procession of the new Nazam sur passed in grandeur anything witnessed in Hyderabad since the seventies. The city en route from the Purana Haveli Palace was thronged with people clad In holiday attire. His Highness arrived by motor at Purana Havell, and shortly afterwards the procession moved out, he ded by Captain Gaz and the whole o, the city police force, who marched past at the slope to the quaint music of the pipes and drums of the Afghans, The elephant bearing the standard followed in the wake of the police, surrounded by a dancing mob of Arabs Donga Singh's horse came next. The indispensable ricketeers followed, gyrating in their peculiar manner in front of the elephants carying the Koran and the sacred books.

The ancient planaquins were next seen heading the standard-bearers, and the Irregular Infantry. One battery of the Nizam's Artillery, commanded by Captain Le Frenais, and the Hyderabad nfantry, commanded by Captain Green, formed a marked contrast to the ir regular forces. The African Cavalry Guards, commanded by Lieut. H. Bayley, swung past amid cheers from the spectators, as also did the Nizam's Own Body Guard, who, in their bright yellow uniforms, made a dazzling sight in the blazing sun. The Nizam's Own Volunteers followed next, adding their quota to the scene. The Sarfikha's regiment and the Niza-i-Jamnet were preceded by two elephants bearing the standard. The officials of the household, nobility, and personal staff formed interesting groups, with their

At last, amid the deafening cheers of

the people, appeared his Highness Mi Khan Bamadur, mounted on a magnifi-cent elephant painted and flowered in most artistic style, the howdah being a beautiful creation of yellow plush, with solid gold mountings. His Highness was attired in a coronation robe of costly hinkhab cloth of gold, and he wore on his headdress a string of diamonds and on his arms amulets of priceless gems. He had come in full state to meet his people, and as the hug: elephant slowly moved along the narrow streets his Highness, with his own hands, threw to the masses of poor people assembled along the route handfuls of rupees. The scramble for the coins was one of the most extraordinary sights ever witnessed in the streets o Hyderabad. His Excellency, the Minister sat behind his highness, who frequently acknowledged the cheers of his

#### NIOBE'S OFFICERS

Secretary Churchill Beplies to Question Asked in Mouse by Mr. Joseph

LONDON, Dec. 5.—In reply to ques-tion by Joseph Martin in the House of Commons, Secretary Winston Churchil said the previous service of Lieut. White and Lieut, Graham, of the cruiser Niobe, had been excellent. The strict rules of the naval service had inflicted on them the punishments awarded by courtmartial. "I would have thought that under the

circumstances the questioner would not desire to aggravate the consequences of heir mistakes by further publicity, declared Mr. Churchill. Mr Martin "May I ask whether the admiralty did not consider their social

osition rather than their professional ompetency?" Mr. Churchill-"That question did not arise either with the admiralty or the Canadian government." (cheers)

Slashes Hotel Clerk.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 5 .- At 11 o'clock onight Thomas Wallace, of Wyoming state, on being refused a room at the Savoy hotel, drew a razor from his ocket and attacked the clerk, cutting his face from his ear to the chin, exposing the jaw. The clerk will hardly ecover. Wallace was arrested.

SUPPOSED SPY Captain in German Merchant Marine Arrested at Portsmouth on Charge

of Espionage. PORTSMOUTH, Eng., Dec. feinrich Grosse, a captaian in the derman merchant marine, was arrested on the charge of being a spy and ar-

raigned today at the police court here.

The magistrate remanded him for a

reek without bail. Captain Grosse has been in Portsnouth for several weeks, according to the statement of the counsel for the

prosecution. He we 'ed mainly, it is harge it the amount of held in the naval the res dockyards here, and also in the number of men stationed at the naval barracks in readiness to complete the complements of reserve ships of the

#### WOMEN AND THE LAW Case of Miss French, Who Wishes to ing service lifesaving crews available Practice at the Bar, Comes Before Court of Appeal.

VANCOUVER Dec. 5-The court of appeal this afternoon reserved judgment on the admissability of Miss Mabel P. French to pracbelieved the re-organization plan of | tice as a barrister in British Columbia. The appeal was against the judgment of Mr. Justice Morrison, who decided that women were not entitled to practice law in this province under the terms of the legal professions act Mr. J. A. Russell, on behalf of the appellant, argued that no decision had been rendered forbidding women to practice at the bar, with the exception of that of the supreme court of New Brunswick in the case of Miss French nerself. That court had decided that the word "person" employed in the act did not include women. The legislature of New Brunswick thought dif-

> to practice. Mississippi Steamer Sunk THEBES, Ill., Dec. 5 .- The large steamboat City of Savannah, en route rom Cairo to St. Louis, struck a snag n the Mississippi river ten miles below Thebes today and sank in twelve feet of water. Passengers and crew were taken off safely.

ferently, and immediately afterwards

passed an act to enable Miss French

#### RICH PEACE RIVER

Vanderbilt Interests Said to Be Contemplating Invasion of Country --Its Great Resources

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 5 .- That the Vanderbilt interests have their eye on the Peace River country of British Columbia and have already had their emissaries inspecting that region for the purpose of receiving an exhaustive report dealing with its possibilities and resources, was the information imparted to the Board of Trade this evening by its president, Mr. Alex. G. McCand-

"One of the Vanderbilt engineers has told me," said Mr. McCandless, "that his party went carefully over every inch of ground in the Peace River region in British Columbia and Alberta They find that there are forty million acres of suitable farm land, with a climate superior to that of any other portion of the Northwest. Their report makes likewise mention of the fact that the territory contains some of the richest coal deposits in the

"What is better still, they estimate that to build a railway into that country will cost about \$30,000 per mile, or half of the cost of railway construction from here to Fort George.'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.-Tripoli nov virtually is the undisputed possession of Italy, according to a dispatch received at the Italian Embassy here to night from the Italian minister of fer-

# PATROL PLANNED

Government Will Put Steamer Newington Into Commission for This Work-Will Equip Steamer with Wireless

The Dominion government is arrang ng to provide a more efficient lif saving service for the west coast Vancouver island. When the govern ment steamer Newington, now cruise to overhaul the buoys and be cons in Johnston straits, returns Victoria wireless equipment will placed on the vessel, and if the rangements now under way are carriout, the steamer will be placed in lifesaving service and will act a parent vessel for the lifeboats. Equip with wireless telegraphic apparat and always in communication from shore stations the Newington w cruise during the winter from to Estevan, and if any vessel is r ported in distress she will proceed in mediately to the scene, taking the ne est lifeboat crew to render assistant The Newington, which was formerly tender for steam trawlers before brought to this coast and sold to government, is a good sea vessel has a speed of about twelve knots

Other works are to be undertaken once to improve the lifesaving fac ities. Arrangements are under way f the building of shelter stations, so of them houses with five rooms, at tervals of every four miles along west coast trail between Carmanah a Banfield creek. A few days ago to shelter stations at Tsushiat and Seve Mile creek were placed in commissi and the Lysle guns and other lifesa ing apparatus which was stored Banfield is being placed in these s tions. A patrol has been started with a base at these two stations, and da patrols are made by the coastguard This service is to be extended, so that the coast line will be thoroughly p trolled daily, and with the coastguard and various lookouts in communication by telephone from the many shelte with the telegraph and wireless st tions it is expected that if any vesse meets with accident the mishap w be quickly reported, and assistance re-

dered promptly. To further improve the facilities for communication it is intended to lay cable between Tofino and Lennard is and, the lighthouse placed off the trance to Clayoquot sound, to conne

up with the telegraph service. Between Cape Cook and the nort west extremity of Vancouver islan where the settlements are scatt shelters will be established at points where any shipwrecked would probably find his way. At these shelters placards in a number guages giving directions as to the nearest settlement and the best way of reaching there, and other informa tion, will be posted, and stores of food

placed for emergency. With the Newington at Banfield, Uclulelet and Clayoquot the coastguard service on the wes coast trail and the shelters and look out stations for which plans are now being prepared, together with the wire less telegraph stations with which the Newington will be always in commun cation and the improved communic tions generally, the service off the wes coast of Vancouver island will

greatly improved. The government steamer Quadra which is now at Prince Rupert aft. landing supplies and materials for t lighthouse at Langara island, take material for the construction the shelters westward of Cape to the west coast after her arri

### INSIST ON REPUBLIC

Chinese Revolutionists Befuse to Consider Any Milder Terms-Provisional Constitution

PEKING, Dec. 5 .- The Chinese els in the vicinity of Hankow are gaining confidence, according to sular reports received here today. leaders of the revolution are not ing to consider any terms from government except those providing

a republic. Reinforcements are marching town Hankow from Wu Chang. The tionists announce the arrival at kow of representatives of eight inces, with the proxies of three provinces, and state . at the delega adopted a provisional constitution the new republic.

Five boards will be created, Civil, foreign, finance, war and munications.

A popular convention will be after six months has elapsed. The revolutionists hope to make N king the capital. In the interim, a tary administration will command the rebel provinces.

It is believed a strong movement on foot to substitute an agency for t regent, but it is unlikely that even t will satisfy the majority of the proinces.

#### Winnipeg Milk Scandal WINNIPEG. Dec. 5 .- That a manu

factured "milk" has been sold in largquantities to cities of Winnipeg for con milk, and that the practice has been go ing on for months past, but particular through the last two weeks when ther has been an acute shortage in the mil supply was the assertion made today hy a prominent citizen. He revealed th fact that the city health department has known of this state of affairs for some time past, and even now is awaiting the result of chemical tests of a large num ber of samples before deciding as instituting police court proceedings against a member of the dairymen, both the large and small. That thousands pounds of a composition known as "milk stock" has been brought to the city and used in diluted form for admixture wit cows milk was the information given out. Officials of the health board flatly efused to discuss the question.

posal From Dr. Taken up by N Vancouver in Lette of Trade

VANCOUVER, B. C. late the fishing co mbia with fisherme stock-such is Stevens, M.P., a in a letter to the Trade, read at its

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provincial government.

LONDON, Dec. 5 .proceeding next week terview the minister with a view to the en hundred families no Odessa, Russia.

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## Births. Marria

February 28th.

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COATES-At St. Jose

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MARR MURTON-HARDING-1911, by the Rev. tor of Centennial Frank E. Murton t ing, both of this

Bridgnorth, Shrops Barbara Edith, late Mr. D. W. M Mainguy, of Chema DILWORTH-At t Denman street, Nellie Maud Dilwo Joseph W. Dilwo Born in Emerson, DAVIES .- On the 1911, the death Davies, former

chapel at 10.30 E. G. Miller will ment Ross Bay ver and Seattle HOBDAY-On the 2 Jubilee Hospital, wife of Col. E. A. cans, B. C., late I daughter of Lieu

Poodle Dog Hotel.

place from the

tinger, late Royal Karachi, Punjab, CUTTLER-On the hospital, Edward street, aged 64 ye

ingham, England. WENSLEY-On No family residence William Wensley mond, Yorkshire, LEVY .- Mrs. Esthe Kent, England, a of her daughter 1120 Vancouver cember 1. Funer

STEVENS-At the 1 Quebec Street, o Carbis Stevens, n Liscaird, Corn

MORLEY-On Novem dence, "Sherwood England, Mary Ann