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ese Naval Department **Over Twenty Steamers** For Service.

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as fied Cross hospital steamcCapt. Ohno, formerly of the
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and the steamer Tosa Maru of
nnning to this port and Seaton her arrival, be held for
hose. Among the steamers
r is the Mike, which was the
he Nippon Yusen Kaisha linbes the Pacific to British Codd America, the Hakwi, Kosi,
Kokura, Kobe and Yoko,
rus. All the European officers
taken out of the vessels and
masters commissioned in their

ME COURT-FEBRUARY CIVIL SITTINGS.

preme court will sit, starting y, February 2nd next, and the causes are set down for trial. s. Allen, divorce case; Board vs. Tupper et al., action for ctoria Lumber Company vs. Rhys; Barrett vs. Elliott; Rich; McLeod vs. McLeod, and Ker vs. Ker, action to will of Henry Brackman desolemn form.

ADYSMITH NEWS.

ith, Jan. 27.—The steamships and Wellington have been coal-Ladysmith wharf. The Sel-recently brought 185 tons of a from the Van Anda mines we smelter. ne smelter, a employed by the water com-have their time fully occu-nking connections from the the houses in the town.

& N. intend running a special Friday evening from Lady-give an opportunity of wif-te "Devil's Auction" at the mern house

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K. Thompson, of Ladysmith, went an operation at the Napital on Sunday last, died yesemoon. Deceased, who was espected resident, was 43 age and is survived by Mrs. with whom the deepest is felt. The remains will be a Ladysmith today, and the li take place on Saturday. FUEL FAMINE.

Ont., Jan. 27.—Owing to of freight transportation as f the severe snow storms, as eprevails here and all f the Canadian woollen mills obliged to close, throwing file workers out of employment industries of the town similar predicament unless a similar predicament unless shortly. Local retail coal pare out of supplies, which situation very serious. Sev. ries at Preston have also to close down from the same

TRAL CANDIDATE.

## **Grewsome Sights** Horrify Rescuers

Explorers in Pitsburg Mine Report Fearful Execution By the Explosion.

Unfortunate Miners Forn to Atoms And Work Delayed By Piercing Cold.

KILLED ON ELEVATED. selated Lady Attempts to Board Mov-ing Train and Is Run Over.

New York, Jan. 26.—In the midst of the homeward crush at an up-town elevated railroad station tonight, a young woman who had tried to board a train, was carried half a block clinging to the closed gate, then fell to the rails and was run over by six trains before the police managed to get a motorman to stop and take the body to a station further up town. The elevated railroad employees at the station and on the trains maintained that they know nothing of the matter and the police were unable to identify either the number of the train, the men in charge of it, or those on the platform at the time and consequently were not able to make any arrests. The body of the girl was not identified.

or learns January 16, bound for Bremen, is coming into chils poor tonight with her cargo afire. Thirty miles to the southward she signafied the Zingara, which accompanied her to Charleston bar and assisted the crew in confining the finnes to the hold. She is loaded with cotton and grain.

FATAL FIRES YESTERDAY.

Clina, O., Jan. 26.—The three small children of Henry Reisinger, of Rockport, north of this city, were burned to death and in a fire that destroyed the farm house today. Mrs. Reisinger was fatally injured.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 28.—Stansbury Jacobe and his twelve-year-old daughter were burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed Jacobe home and three other houses at Stanton, Del. Jacobe lost his life in an effort to restore the his daughter.

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## **Piteous Appeal**

From Pittsburg

Funds Needed to Provide Fo Widows and Orphans of Dead Miners.

A Mine Inspector Blames the Defective Laws For Explosion.

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Charlotte, S. C., Jan. 28.—A despatch from Ashville says: "Charles Fisher received news today that his cousin, Marion Fisher, and Bill Deal and Joe Lowery had been killed in the south mountain region of Burke county. A number of men became involved in a row in which Julius Fisher killed his nuncle, Marion Fisher; York Fisher killed Deal, and a man named Ed. Hunt killed Lowery. Particulars regarding the affair are mengre."

HIGH TIDE PHILOSOPHY.

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Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jam. 27.—The situation at Bloomsbury is not improved today, the flood in the Susquehanna river having receded but a few anches. The relief committees have secured quarters for all the homeless, and they are being clothed and fed. Efforts will be made to stant the great ice gorge by dynamiting it. There has been no attempt to estimate the loss, but it grows greater every day. Railway traffic is still suspended in the flooded district.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Jam. 27.—Three miles of coal barges, fifty seven in number, belowing to the Mononginhela River Consolidated Coal Company and loaded with coal, are grounding and going to pieces six miles from here. Another shipment is sinking at Hoffman Landing. Two bundred men are at work trying to save them. It is estimated the loss will be \$500,000. Ice in the river cauged the damage.

FATALITIES YESTERDAY.

FATALITIES YESTERDAY. Fort Frances, Ont., Jan. 27.—George Green, hardware merchaut, 55 years old, was found frozen to death in his store at International Falls yesterday. Liverpool, N. S., Jan. 27.—Arthur and William Whanton, Beach Meadows, have been drowned while overhanking boster maps by the upsething of a dory during a heavy squall which struck the

E. G. PRIOR AND COMPANY, LTD. AGENTS. VICTORIA, VANCOUVER AND KAMLOOPS.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—Robert Ozenham, employee of the Townsend steam undry, was crushed to death by the evator yesterday afternoon.

Florence, Jan. 28.—The sun and soft climate of Italy has brought a notable improvement in the health of Mrs. Samuel L. Clements, wife of "Mark Twain." Mr. Clements is very busy with writing, and it is his habit to dictate to his secretary as he walks up and down his wife's groun.

AMERICAN POACHER TREED. St. Thomas, Jan. 28.—Judge Ermatinger has condemned John Tabb, of the American fishing tug Star, for ittegally fishing in Canadian waters last October. The case will be appealed. Tabb claims be was after some nets which had drifted into Canadian waters when his vessel was seized by the Canadian revenue outter Petrel.

# **VANCOUVER**

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to many degrees below zero. The weather was mostly fair wish occasional light snowfail.

At Victoria there were 8 hours and 36 minutes of bright sunshine; the highest temperature was \$4.0 on 23rd, 24th, and the lowest 27.8 on the 20th; rainfall 0.83 inch.

At Narwewestmineter the highest temperature was \$4 on the 23rd, and the lowest 16 on 20th; precipitation (rain and snow) 1.38 inches.

At Kamloops highest temperature 34 on 24th; lowest, zero on 20th; snowfail 0.88 inch.

At Barkerville highest temperature 30 on 26th; lowest, 14 below zero on 20th; snowfail 0.88 inches.

At Barkerville highest temperature 30 on 26th; lowest, 24 below on 20th; no precipitation.