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# **EXPLOSION AT**

# THE UNION MINES

Furious Fire and Masses of Debris Cut Off the Escape of Slxty-Five Men in Number Six Shaft.

All Altempts to Rescue Seem Fruitless-The Miners in Number Five Have a Very Close Call.

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### Manitoba's Bargain

Northern Pacific Lines Leased for Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine Years.

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Sir William Van Home Says that It WIM Bankrupt the

### London's Belief That She Is Still Affoat With

St. John's, Nfdd., Feb. 16.—The steamer Ingraham has returned home from Bacslieu, having sighted nothing which would identify the vessel believed to be the steamer Lucerne, from which wreckage has been caming ashore for several days. The lighthouses are also without evidence regarding the disaster, and coast points, with the exception of Holyrood, report no new finds, At Holyrood part of a deck house has come ashore. Some ship masters believe the fellure to obtain more material warrants the hope that the Lucerne is not wrecked, but is at sea with machinery disabled.

THE LUCERNE.

Machinery Damaged.

FOR SHOEBURYNESS.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—(Special)—The council of the Dominion Artillery Association to-day decided to send a team to Shoeburyness this year, if converted

## of Duke and Duchess of

Several New Warships to be Launched Within a Month.

Dominion Artillery Association Will King's Champion Will Appear
Send a Team This Year. Again at the Coronation Ceremonies.

### NOT ONE ESCAPES FROM THE MINE Gossip

Elaborate Preparations for Visit Every Hope of Saving the Unfortunates in Number Six Shaft Abandoned... Cornwall. Flooding Out the Fire.

Men acquainted with the workings of the Union mines say that the miners telegraphs:

Nanaimo, Feb. 16.—Premier Duns-

who were down No. 6 shaft at the time of the explosion on Friday must have been instantly killed. This shaft, being a new one, the workings extend a very short distance from the bottom of the shaft, so that the unfortunate men must have been caught by the full force of the explosion. This, being great enough to knock down the miners in No. 5 shaft, half a mile away, must have instantly killed the men who were so close to it. But while it was realized that there was no hope of rescuing them alive, the parties working for their relief did not desist until they were driven out by fire, the heat growing in intenseness as the cage was slowly worked downward.

Very little additional news came from Union yesterday, and the telegraph office was closed early last evening. Some of Mr. McGregor is bound to the mine

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