## 600 NTS PERISH

for New York Founding a Rock in

Passengers in Their Frantie rom the Sinking

gone in another boat or had been carl away in the mad rush I do not I am absolutely alone in the

Our boat was crowded to nearly ible its proper number. All around people were struggling in the sea, king for help and imploring us to ke them in. We had an old sail and couple of oars, but no mast. In inching the boat, a big hole was knockn her side, and we had to take turns bailing her out. We could do nothing t allow the boat to drift.

The five women behaved splendidly, er murmured. All around us were reds fighting for their lives. The ieks of those left on the ship, parlarly the children, could be heard ve all the confusion around us. was soon over as we saw the Norie shock.

Another survivor told the Associated ess representative that most of the ngers on the steamer were going to friends in America. One of the surviving women was going out to husband and she had throughout Clung to Her Little Girl

five. Another woman, in her delirious at being picked up, offered one of the of the trawler her wedding ring, nile some of the boats were overcrowdothers, according to the survivors, only a few persons in them. The n absolutely refused to leave the n. He was standing on the bridge

t appears that the weather was very when the Norje struck, but the tain of the trawler and others say the ckhall Reef is so well known that they ot understand how the steamer

We had just got down our gear day morning," said the mate of we took little notice of her, but illy made out through a glass that she We immediately full of people. ed up our trawl, and bore down tords the boat with all speed, the occuits of which were in a pitiable plight renched, Half Clad and Exhausted. got them aboard and fitted them out best we could, made the women as fortable as possible, and immediately

iled for home.' The survivors were landed at about 10 ock. They will be sent back to enhagen on the Bothnia sailing to-

Karl Mathiasen, the only member of crew along with the survivors, said the representative of the Associated s that Rockall Reef was invisible in o fog and rain. The captain and chief eer of the Norje were both on the dge at the time of the accident. The f officer got into one of the boats, but capitain was seen on the bridge, sur ded by many other persons, all in an titude of prayer as the Norje sank. More Survivors.

Stornaway, Scotland, July 4 .- One dred and one survivors of the Danish amer Norje have been landed here. British steamer Cervona, from ith, July 1st, for Montreal, bro 32 shortly before noon. She picked stward of the Butt of Lewis. They re in an awful plight, nearly all of being naked. One dead child was th the party.

afterwards the German hortly amer Energie arrived with sixty-nine ns rescued from the Norje. All re terribly exhausted. The Cervona proceeded on her voyage,

will keep a lookout for other possible vivors of the Danish steamer.

UNITED STATES NAVY.

Petersburg Paper on the Proposed Increase. St. Petersburg, July 3.—The Novosti,

an article on the political situation in

e United States, says: "There is no doubt that President sevelt has gained the confidence and pect of the whole Republican party by strength of character and his fear ness in the conflict with all kind of ises in the shadow side of American Thanks to his personal

ess will vote to increase the Amcan navy so that in a short time the nited States will occupy the second ace among the powers.'

PROBABLY MURDERED.

dy of a man taken out of the canal re yesterday has been identified by ers and letters found in the pockets d been missing from a boarding house about a week. Marks on the body, is thought, indicate foul play.

soning club for the whole of Cape Coly is suggested.

## THE WEATHER WAS UNSATISFACTORY

VERY LIGHT WINDS FOR YACHT RACES

The N. P. A. A. Meet at Vancouver-More About Lacrosse Games-Baseball and Cricket.

(From Monday's Daily.) The yacht races preliminary to the ternational competition, which takes place to-day, were sailed on Saturday fternoon. Unfortunately during the first part of the races the conditions were anything but what would be desired. The wind was very uncertain, and for a considerable time the yachts were becalmed. For the second half of the race the wind freshened and those in A and B classes were given an opportunity to better test their sailing qualities.

the entrance to Esquimalt, thence back there to the starting point, the whole 4 in. making a distance of about seven miles. The races were watched by a large crowd from Dallas road, and a number of launches followed the yachts.

Provision had been made for four classes of races, A, B, C and D. None entered in the latter class, the races being confined to A, B and C. In A class the following entered

Gwenol, of Victoria, Capt. Cuppage; Gwendolyn, of Seattle, Capt. Johnston; Linda, of Seattle, Capt. Ferris, and Lavita, of Seattle, Capt. Newman. They started at 2 o'clock. The Linda, however, was slow in coming out of the harand left about ten minutes behind At 2.10 those of class B were started.

There were Wideawake, of Vancouver, Capt. Hodgson; Ariadne, of Bellingham Bay. Capt. Abbot, and Madeline, of eattle, Capt. Griffiths. The Hiawatha, of Vancouver, had ntered for the race, but arriving a very

crew had not sufficient time to prepare or it, and so did not take part. Capt. Gore; Copper Queen, of Crofton, sailing under the Victoria flag, Capt. A. Pierce; Empress, of Seattle, Capt. Veyland: White Cap. of Victoria: Capt. awrie; Aloaha, of Victoria, Capt. Mcntosh; Dorothy, of Victoria, Capt. angley; Marietta, of Victoria, Capt. French, and Oneida, of Victoria, Capt.

Through a mistake as to the class to away ten minutes later than the others The run to the first buoy was slow wing to the light breeze. The Gweno got too far to leeward, and in cons quence of this was delayed considerable tting back in her course. The Gwen olyn, a new boat built on a New York design, made by far the best time leading B, was the next to round the buoy while the Dione, which was half an hour later n class A was only eight minutes be hind the Gwendolyn in passing round. With her came the Lavita, and shortly afterwards the Ariadne. The Linda with a very large sail area, had gained minutes on the Lavita on the run. The Wideawake and the Gwenol were next to reach the turning point, while the Dorothy was very late in reach-

On the run to Brotchie Ledge the breeze fell about half way up. The Gwendolyn, however, had taken advan tage of it, and reached the buoy before calm set in, aided by the tide. The nda passed the Lavita on the way up. Before the buoy was reached they were becalmed, however, and the boats had to idly drift with the tide away from the

v until the wind rose. While the other yachts were waiting the Dorothy, having headed farther ou wind for a much longer time than the

with the others. the distance to the starting point. Many class C. which had only to cover the rse once, finished very close together. with Marietta second and Copper Queen and Dorothy close following. Yachts of classes A and B had to

Yachts of classes A and B had to change in the positions of each crew, make the course twice. Fortunately the Kennedy and Dillabough changing wind freshened, and the last half of the race proved quite exciting. The Linda ved a fast sailer in the stronger wind. and finished 55 seconds ahead of the Gwendolyn. The latter won the prize on time allowance, however. The Lavite was given second place, the Linda hav ing fouled the buoy in rounding it. The captain of the yacht with true sports inship reported his fouling to the judges immediately afterwards. The splendid steam lauch Dominion

built for the Gorge service by Capt. C. E. Goodwin, was placed at the disposal of the judges and party. She proved an admirable vessel for the pur-

ATHLETICS. THE N. P. A. A. MEET.

The annual meet of the North Pacific lateur Athletic Association held at Brocketon Point, Vancouver, on Saturafternoon, was a tremendous suc cess. The day was perfect, the crowd rge and enthusiastic, the contestant fast men, and the results most gratiing. The spectators soon awoke to he fact that they were looking upon who were well worthy of most serious attention, and although no records ere broken, the time in the different events was fast, even approaching reords for some. The Multnomah club of Cortland came out at the top of the Sgt.-Maj. McDougali ... 32 30 28

nately were not successful in capturing

any of the events. The results were as | Gr. Wait. Winsby ..... 29 32 naval gun competition-1. Bonaven-

One hundred yards flat-1, J. Pearson, Spokane; 2, Smithson, M. A. A. C.; 3, Willams, M. A. A. C. Time, 9 4-5. High jump-1, H. W. Kerrigan, M. A. A. C.; 2, O. R. Kerrigan, M. A. A. C. Height, 5 ft. 6½ inches.

One mile, novice bicycle—1, E. C. Jeffs;

V. B. C.; 2, Ruffell, V. B. C. Time, 2.45 2-5. Four hundred and forty yards flat—1, Pearson, Spokane; 2, Williams, M. A. A. C.; 3, Smithson, M. A. A. C. Time,

50 3-5. One mile flat-1, Merritt, Spokane; 2 Taylor, B. P. A.; 3, Gates, M. A. A. C. Time, 4 min. 35 3-5 sec.

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Throwing discuc—1, James, M. A. A.
C.; 2, Scherer, Spokane; 3, Saunders, M.
A. A. C. Distance, 100 ft. 6 inches.

Half-mile B. C. championship bicycle
race—1, Bell, V. B. C.; 2, Martin, V. B. C.; 3, Jeffs, V. B. C. Time, 1.23 flat. Two hundred and twenty yards flat-1, Pearson, Spokane; 2, Smithson, M. A. A. ; 3, Williams, M. A. A. C. Time, 22

One mile sailors' bicycle race-1, At kin; 2, Harris. Time, 3 min. 8 3-5 sec. One hundred and twenty yards hurdles -1, Coates, M. A. A. C.; 2, Windsor, Spokane; 3, O. R. Kerrigan, M. A. A. C. Half-mile flat—1, Merritt, Spokane; 2, Craske, B. P. A.; 3, Gammil, M. A. A. Time, 2 min. 14 2-5 sec.
One mile B. C. championship bicycle

The course was from a starting point 1, Burke, V. B. C.; 2, Bell, V. B. C.; 3, off the ocean docks, around a buoy off Martin, V. B. C. Time, 2.21 2-5. Putting the 16-lb. shot-1, the entrance to Esquimait, thence back to a buoy off Brotchie Ledge, and from Saunders, M. A. A. C. Distance, 38 ft. Sailors' sack race-1, Hutcheson, R.E.

2. Franklin, Grafton; 3, Griffiths, Bona-Pole vault—1, Gilbert, M. A. A. C.; 2, Wilcox, M. A. A. C.; 3, H. W. Kerrigan, M. A. A. C. Height, 10 ft. 10 ln.
Five-mile bicycle—1, Bell, V. B. C.; 2, Martin, V. B. C.; 3, Burke, V. B. C. Sailors' three-legged race-1, Anson-Bingham, Flora; 2, Griffiths-Clarey,

Bonaventure.
Throwing 56-lb. shot-1, Hartney, B. A.; 2, Scherer, Spokane; 3, James, M. A. A. C. Distance, 23 ft. 1% in. Broad jump-1, Coates, M. A. A. C.; 2. Windsor, Spokane; 3, O. R. Kerrigan, M. A. A. C. Distance, 21 ft. 10½ in.

Two-mile bicycle handicap—1, Burke, V. B. C.; 2, Martin, V. B. C.; 3, Ruffell, V. B. C. Time, 4 min. 49 1-5 sec. Throwing 16-lb. hammer—1, James, M. A. A. C.; 2, Scherer, Spokane; 3, Saunders, M. A. A. C. Distance, 111 ft.

Relay race-1, J. Pearson, Spokane. A. F. DUFFY DEFEATED.

London, July 2.-The Amsteur Athletic or it, and so did not take part.

Class C called out a larger list of afternoon attracted an excellent entry and a big crowd of spectators. The sports were started with a 100 yard dash, and Arthur F. Duffy, the American crack, was unable to retain the title, being defeated by J. W. Morton, of the South London harriers, who won a grand race by inches. Time, 10 seconds. Duffy was second, and G. H. Jupp, of the London Athletic Club, was third.

BASEBALL.

The match between the Victorias and the Athletics of Vancouver was a sad affair. The visitors had about as much chance against the home aggregation as the latter would have against a national league nine. In fact the fans of the Terminal City realized this beforehand, because they did not take seriously their team's visit to the Capital. The game should have been played between the Athletics and a Victoria intermediate nine. It was nothing short of slaughter to put Jimmy Holness in the box against them, and the score of 18 to 2 is a fair index of the character of the game. The L. S. V. York, not out ...... 2 two runs scored by the visitors ornamented the board in the final inning, when the quality of mercy entered into the hearts of the home team. There was a good attendance.

AT SEDRO-WOLLEY. The first game of the Victoria's tour against Sedro-Wolley Sunday was a somewhat inauspicious opening. It was

won by the Sedro Wolley nine after a close game, the score being 4 to 3.

GETTING IN TRIM. Profiting by the coaching of Dan O'Sullivan and the steady practice they into the straits than the others, kept the have been indulging in the J. B. A. A. senior four are making excellent progres others, and aided by the tide came up in their training, and should be in first th the others.

A breeze arose and the yachts were Portland on the 22nd and 23rd. Each bled to pass round the buoy and make evening from 6 to 8 o'clock sees the senior and junior crews on the Arm, and there cannot possibly be a prettier sight than that presented by the stalwart oars Empress crossed the line in the lead | men as they rhythmically and powerfull consume space in their lithe, symmetri cal racing machines. There has been a places, the same condition being decided on in the junior crew, Finlaison and Brown changing.

THE RIFLE.

DOMINION DAY SHOOT. In the Dominion Day shoot at Vancou ver the list of competitors was substantially swelled by the participation of shots from the navy and Fifth Regiment. In the 600 yards tyro event Col.-Sergt. G. S. Carr and Sergt. W. H. Spurrier won prizes, while Sergt. F. Richardson got in the grand aggregate. Sergt. Carr was successful in the tyro aggregate.

SATURDAY'S SHOOTING. The attendance at Clover Point on Saturday afternoon was very s'im, there being only sixteen members present. The atmo spheric conditions for the last few practice eems to have entirely changed; wh used to be a very strong but steady wind, it is now gentle and tricky. On Saturday while the shooting was at the six hundred yards the flag showed all of fifteen degrees yet as a matter of fact no windage was

necessary. The attendance showed: Staff, 2: No. Co., 6; No. 4 Co., 1; No. 5 Co., 2; R. B., 2; civilians, 3. Some of the scores follow:

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Staff Sergt Lett'ce ... 30 30 29

The Victoria representatives unfortu
Mr. A. R. Langley .... 27 33 27 Mr. J. L. Beckwith .... 28 33 28

Co. Sergt.-Major Caven. 31 Sapper Symes, R. E. ... 28 24 Sergt. J. Anderton .... 29 22 Gr. G. W. Nelli ..... Br. A. Richardson ..... 25 17 22

The practice next Saturday will be ten rounds at 800 and 900 yards. This will be the last practice previous to the B. C. R. A. By order of the D. O. C. the rifle range will be at the disposal of the B. C. Rifle Association from July 11th to July 20th in-

THE WHEEL.

DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIPS. Fredericton, N. B., July 2 .- The Domin championships of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, held here yesterday, were quite successful, although no fast t me was made. Local riders were practically shut out in the principal competitions, the struggle for first place being between MacNeill, a Charlottetown man; Butler, of Boston; Morton, of Toronto: and the McCarthy brothers, of Stratford, Ont. MacNeill has been protest ed in the championship events, as it is believed he was not eligible. The summary is as follows: Half mile championship-Morton, 1st;

Smith, Windsor, 2nd; Inch, Fredericton, 3rd. Time, 1.16%. Quarter mile championship-Morton, 1st Smith, 2nd: Inch. 3rd. Time, 34 1-5. One mile championship-MacNeill, 1st; Morton, 2nd; W. E. McCarthy, 3rd. Time,

2.30 4-5. Five mile championship-MacNeill, 1st; W. E. McCarthy, 2nd; F. R. McCarthy, 3rd. Time, 14.051/2.

> \_\_\_\_ CRICKET.

NAVY LOST TO VANCOUVER. The Vancouver cricket eleven defeated a team from H. M. ships at the Terminal City on Saturday by an inning and 67 runs. Features of the game were the bowling of Rigley and Jukes for the club and the batting of Rev. Mr. Salisbury for the ships. WON BY VICTORIA.

Victoria won the cricket match from Van couver at the Terminal City on July 1st on the first inning, by eight runs. The finish was very exciting, as the last man was at but when the time limit expired. One of the features of the day was the excellent fielding on both sides and the batting of the York brothers for Victoria, and Senkler Robson and Jukes for Vancouver elicited the hearty hand clappings of the spectators. The scores follow:

Vancouver 1st Inning. W. B. Ferris, c Hitton, b Binns ...... 7 E. B. Deane, c Hardy, b Gooch ...... Rigby, c Menzies, b Gooch ...... Crossfield, b Gooch ...... 14 H. Fowler, Ibw, Gooch .. A. Malins, b Gooch ..... J. H. Senkler, not out ... H. G. F. Clinton, b Gooch ..... A. Jukes, c Warden, b Gooch ...... C. E. Robson, c Cobbett, b Binns .... 0 J. G. Crickmay, c Binns, b Gooch ..... Extras .....

Vancouver-2nd Inning. W. B. Ferris, lbw, Gooch ..... Rigby, c L. York, b Binns ..... A. Malins, b Menzies ...... 12 big reception when he went on the field in fect (which, indeed, no safety lamp in A. Jukes, b Hilton ...... 22 the last quarter. On the home the visitors Extras ...... 12 returned down the field by clever inter-Victoria-1st Inning. J. W. D. York, b Crossfield C. P. Schwengers, b Rigby ..... H. N. R. Cobbett, b Rigby ..... 2 ver defence.

W. P. Gooch, b Rigby ..... E. W. C. Hilton, c Jukes, b Crossfield. Q. D. H. Warden, b Crossfield ...... W. H. Binns, b Crossfield ..... D. Menzies, run out ..... F. W. Ashby, b Crossfield ..... N. Hardie, c and b Crossfield ...... Extras ..... Total ..... 47 Victoria-2nd Inning. F. W. Ashby, c Fowler, b Crossfield .. 0 C. P. Schwengers, run out ..... H. N. R. Cobbett, b Right ..... 2 Q. D. H. Warden, b Rigby .....

O. Menzies, not out ..... W. H. Binns, b Rigby ..... W. P. Gooch, not out ...... DEFEATED BY GARRISON.

On Saturday afternoon the Victoria club suffered their first defeat of the season in their match against the Work Point Gar rison. The chief feature of the game was the excellent batting of Harrison, Capt Williams and Capt. Wright for the sol diers, and Warden for the Victoria club who played a faultless inning for 25, not out. The scores follow: Garrison.

Corp. Sergeant, b Binns .... Bomb. Harrison, c and b Menzies .... 43 Capt. Williams, b Menzies ...... Capt. Wright, not out ...... 32 lergt. Askey, e Hilton, b Menzies ..... Lieut. Hood, b Menzies ..... Sergt. Williamson, b Hilton ...... Gr. Matthews, b Hilton ..... 4 Gr. Burgess, b Hilton ..... Extras ......

Wright .....

Victoria Cricket Club. H. N. R. Cobbett, b Capt. Williams .... C. P. W. Schwengers, st Sergeant, b Capt. Williams ..... 18 S. V. York, b Capt. Williams ..... E. W. C. Hilton, c Byrne, b Capt. W. H. Binns, c Askey, b Capt. Williams D. H. Warden, not out ... W. P. Gooch, c Harrison, b Capt. Wil-N. Hardie, c Capt. Wright, b Capt. Wil-

LACROSSE, THE VANCOUVER GAME. In its report of the senior lacrosse match at Vancouver on Dominion Day, the News

Advertiser says: "In a listless and uninteresting game of Canada's national game the Vancouver twelve, champions of B. C., defeated the Victoria twelve by 6 goals to 3. The playing on the part of both teams was very disappointing to the spectators. The play ers worked well, but the combination a times was very poor, and both home fields lost opportunities to dand the ball in the net time after time by loose fielding and inaccurate passing.

"The Victoria team played a plucky up hill fight, and although they came up from the capital with seven of the best men off they were in the game from start to finish and showed a true sporting spirit in their determined efforts to win.

"There were plenty of intermediates of the team and they played well—in fact, so well that at times they had the Vancouver defence guessing, and that is, indeed, say ing a good deal when such old heads as Yorke and Campbell are playing in front of the flags. The match was a trifle rough in the second quarter and two or three mixups occurred. Early in the game Stevens of Victoria, was badly cut on the head in a purely accidental manner, and he was forced to retire and have his injury attended to. He was replaced by Simpson. Several minutes later Bob Dewar, the stalwart point man of the visiting aggregation, was checked rather hard and had his finger proken, which necessitated his leaving the field. Morris, one of the Central juniors went on to fill up the gap, and with Dewar and Stevens out of the grine the visitors were playing practically an intermediate cam, and they were given every encour agement by the spectators. With mor practice together the Victoria twelve will be formidable opponents for any team in

the West. "The defence was the local team's strong point, and that division worked in splendid style, each man playing well and always ready to feed the home. There is no getting away from the fact that Vancouve has a strong field, besides being well balanced at either end. The home boys played well up to half time, but they appeared done out in the last half, and their work in all divisions was decidedly weak, and along with the useless endeavers of the Victoria defence to keep the home from shooting, the game lagged from then on and nobody was sorry when the final whistle for time was blown.

"The Victoria team lacked team work which is essential in playing the game, and their defence was also slow in checking upwith the result that Vancouver's efforts to score proved easy on more than one occa- Coal Company, already briefly referred sion. Victoria's strong point and one that was certainly a stonewall was Sammy Lorimer in goal. He was there always, five test actions evidence was given in and some of the shots turned aside by him were little less than sensational. Time and again, the Vancouver home players would viz .: have the sphere in, but Lorimer was al- 1. The use of a bonneted Clanny ways the right man in the right place, and lamp, which it was contended was defect it is not exaggerating in the least to say tive and not a "locked safety lamp." 9 ing shots aside, he was the metustay of his 2. The accumulation of dust to a day epting on the part of the Vancouver defence. The Victoria boys also anneared to lack the stamina, and although they made determined efforts to score lack of confidence told its story in true form, and it was | fendant company maintains that it was | 1 only after repeated endeavors that the boys n blue were able to penetrate the Vancou-

THE "JUNIOR" GAME. Reporting the junior game, in which by the way, Vancouver was represented prin-

cipally by intermediates, the same paper says: "Both teams played great ladrosse and it can be safely said that never has such a game been played outside of senior lacrosse The game started out with a rush, and it was soon seen that the Victoria boys were not going to have no easy proposition such as they anticipated. The visitors got the first tally to their credit after 4 minutes' play, and 2 minutes afterwards Vancouver evened up things, and thus the score stood until just before the whistle blew for the end of the third quarter, when Clarkson, after a magnificent bit of combination of the entire home, scored again for the Argonauts, although going down on his knees man in such undertakings as those under to do so. In the last quarter things livened up considerably, although the extreme heat was beginning to tell on both teams. At times the play would be fierce, fast and the explosion's origin. But approximate hard, and then for a short time would drag until the boys succeeded in getting their parched tongues into their mouths again. After two and a half minutes' play Clute got a chance and lined the rubber through past Terriault, and the score was 3-1. In exactly 21/2 minutes afterwards Kerfoot had work put the ball past Gibbons, and 8 min-shall be attached to their testimony, will utes after Murray put in the final shot for be guided by their apparent compe

the Argos. "For the Centrals, Sweeney, Dougal, Roskamp and Cullin, with the two Sargison boys, were always in the game, and for the victorious team Johnston, Haddon and Murray, on the home, were in splendid form. Morley Johnston being particularly strong all through. The defence all worked like veterans, and time after time turned aside what seemed to be certain scores."





BARON GUSTAV OF CADBORO— (Just Arrived from His Suburban Seat):—As my favorite poet says:

"I'd rather he around under the trees

"Than live what folks call a life of ease "Up here in the city"

TEXT OF JUDGMENT Delivered By Mr. Justice Martin in Coal Company.

The exact text of the judgment de-livered at Nelson by Mr. Justice Martin in Leadbeater vs. the Orow's Nest Pass | gence can be attributed to the defendin Leadbeater vs. the Crow's Nest Pass to in the Times, is as follows: During the consolidated trial of these

support of two charges of negligence.

reality is), yet is in very general use, cally conceded on the argument.

In support of the second charge the plaintiff advances the theory that the explosion was essentially one of coal dust; while in answer to that the dea gas explosion substantially and essentially, though admitting that, as in every explosion in a mine of this nature, dus may have participated in it to an immaterial and unascertainable extent.

In support of these conflicting theories a great body of evidence was adduced in a trial lasting more than three consecutive weeks, and even if it were desirable for me to do so when discharging the functions of a jury on pure que tions of fact (and I do not think it is) it would be almost an impossibility to at-tempt to review in detail all the evidence which I have listened to and weighed in a trial of such duration and omplexity of fact, though not of issue Dealing with such explosions as this, it is manifest that there is much that must remain a mystery, for no witness has been bold enough to claim to thoroughly understand the forces of nature or their varying operation when disturbed by consideration, or give other than a speculative account of the cause of ignition, or even fix upon the precise locality of ly I have no reasonable doubt that some nascertained point in McDonald's level must be taken to be the place of such origin.

The next fact to be determin

was it a gas or dust explosion? In ar riving at a conclusion on this vital poin a chance and again the score went up for tue local boys. Then Matthews, for Victory the court is very largely in the hands of and disinterestedness. Applying, then the opinions of these witnesses quisite facts which have been proved t my satisfaction, I am forced to the con clusion that on the evidence it must b held that this was essentially and sub stantially a gas explosion; and of such a nature and extent that, quite apar from any possible augmentation t was alone sufficient to cause, and con sequently must be held to have caused all the results which the plaintiffs neces sarily assumed the onus of attributing o a dust explosion. In this relation l hink it proper to say that I accept as substantially correct the defendants' conention as regards two facts of paranount importance, viz., (a) the state of affairs at the overcast; and (b) in the main entry generally; and largely as a consequence thereof I am satisfied that the explosion properly so called did not pass through that main entry; if the dust theory be accepted that is the place of all others throughout the length of which it must have passed in the condition of that mine. There is nothing, in my opinion, in the conclusions of the p. viii.), which, having regard to the circumstances of this case, conflicts with this view; though it is apparent that Carroll was first, and B. Girrard second.

there is still much to be learned on the nteresting and important subject of dust coal mines.
Such being the opinion I have arrived at, it is not necessary to consider any other matters, which become immaterial,

ant company. It follows that the test actions must be dismissed with costs.

COLLECTING DATA

John McKinney, Representing Great International Directory, Is in the City.

John McKinney, representing Kelly & Co., of Kelly's Directories, Ltd., of Lon- the same time as the Gwendolyn, in the interests of the directory prepared | by his firm of the merchants, turers and shippers of the world. He is staying at the Queen's hotel, and will be several days engaged in his work.

This directory is known all over the world as a reliable guide to shippers, wholesale merchants and all classes of business men. It contains a list of the shipping firms, wholesale dealers, banks and manufacturers and other useful information for business men. Each year t is revised and indexed. The last edition was the 16th containing 4,000 pages, dexed and printed in English, French

and German, and covering all countries in the world. The firm works under royal warrant. of officials of the course all afternoon, having been established in 1799. It pub lished the post office London dire and has done so since 1800, and is also

books and colonial directories. BITTEN BY RATTLESNAKE.

Death of Mrs. Geo. N. Barclay at Ashcroft. Mrs George N. Barclay, eldest at Ashcroft on Friday from the effects of the poisonous bite of a rattlesnake. Mrs. Barclay was in the act of picking some flowers in the garden on Thursday evening, when the snake struck her hand and before medical aid could be summoned the poison had entered the blood. The deceased became no reason to believe that Premier Balnatose shortly after being bitten and passed away without regaining consciess. Several young children are left notherless by her death.

THE FIRST AT LADYSMITH.

ecessful Celebration on Dominion Day -Horse Races and Other Sports.

The Ladysmith correspondent of the l'imes writes: The celebration of Dominion Day was great success. Thousands poured into he city by trains from Victoria, Nanaimo and Extension, and by every mode of conveyance.

The Ladysmith City band and the Silver Cornet band discoursed sweet music during the day. The programme cluded horse races, baseball, football, etc., and all the events were keenly contested. The results of the horse races follow: Half-mile, for scrubs, 1st, Disturbance, Williams, owner; 2nd, Royal Dan, Indian, owner. Half-mile pony race, 1st, P. J. Leigh; 2nd, M. J. Hole Indian pony race, 1st, Daisy Alphonse; 2nd, Tommy, Indian Johnny. The hose reel race against time for

won by the Nanaimo brigade. The quoiting match resulted as follows: 1st, J. Young; 2nd, H. Ellis; 3rd, W. Beveridge. The baseball match between Nanaimo

and Victoria Eagles was won by Nanaimo, 7 to 5.

In the football game Ladysmith won from Victoria 3 to 1. The Wellington colliery 100-yard foot race was won by John Eno, W. Manuel being second. In the race for boys under 15, Frank Morgan, W. Edmundson got first and second prizes. The 100yard race for girls under 15 was won by May Dunne, the prize being a \$25 gold watch presented by A. J. McMur-trie and Miss Anderson was second.

Ladysunith won the baseball match against Fernwood by 14 to 4. An obstacle race closed the open-air S. Swanson won first prize in the wrestling matches in the opera house. George Gray was second.

A grand dance at Gould's hall closed the day's programme. YACHTS HERE FOR INTERNATIONAL RACE

Big Fleet Reaches Victoria From Seattle and Vancouver Ready for Sailing Contests.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

As fleet looking yachts as ever visited Victoria can be seen in the bay to day. They are here from Seattle and other Sound ports in good number, and some interesting racing is expected on Monday when the international events of the regatta programme take place. As the Times goes to press visiting craft continue to arrive.

The Gwendalyn, of Seattle, Captain Conson, one of the fastest of the Seattle boats, was two days in crossing to Vietoria. She brought to Empress in towa

and it was feared for a time off Dungeness that the tow line would have to be

She arrived yesterday, after passing through a pretty stiff breeze during the greater part of the voyage. The first might out she had to anchor off Marrowstone Point.
The Lavita is sailed and owned by Capt.

Fred Newman. She and the Linda raced from Seattle. They started at 7 o'clock on Thursday night. The Lavita beat her rival by five hours. The Linda is captained by Harry Abbott. The Ariadne, another of the strange craft in port, hails from Bellingham.

She occupied two days on the voyage. She spent the first night off Lumni Island, and the second at Roche harbor.
The Copper Queen, here from Crofton, belongs to Parker Clark, who built her last year after a design of H. B. Griffiths, of Seattle, designer of the Madeline and Empress. The Bertha arrived from Vancouve

this morning, and the Falkland and Ennisfail, of Seattle, are believed to be ciose at hand. The Falkland started at on, England, is in the city. He is here | having a party of ladies aboard had to take shelter for a time owing to the dis-comfort which the rough water was causing her passengers.

Other yachts will also be here before night, and the contests in every respect promise to be highly successful, providing favorable weather prevails.

The races this afternoon are for boats belonging to the Victoria Yacht Club,

and the trophies offered include many handsome cups.

Reference has heretofore been made many times to the programme arranged. As announced in another column the races commence at 2 o'clock from a point off the outer wharf. The yacht Dominion has been engaged to accompany the boats, and will be in the hands

IMPERIAL POLITICS. No Reason to Believe Balfour Intends

Resigning-The Closure. London, July 2.-It is nine years ago to-day since the Conservatives entered on their long lease of office, Lord Salisbury having become prime minister for the third and last time July 2nd, 1895. Lord daughter of Judge Cornwall, died Bury, the Lord High Chancellor, and Lord Ashbourne, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, are the only two ministers who hold the same posts as they did then. In spite of the incessant attacks on the government in parliament during the past

week and the difficulty of maintaining

four has any present intention of tendering his resignation, nor have the Liberal leaders at this moment any real desire to attempt to force him to take the step. Mr. Balfour recognizes that it is not n accord with strict parliamentary principles to transact the nation's business by means of the closure, as he proposes doing for the remainder of the session. The Premier pointed out in the House of Commons yesterday that in view of the persistent obstruction tactics of the sition to all the government's main

legislation, there was no other course Mr. Balfour desires to remain in power at least until important pending questions are settled, such as Thibet and the Russo-Japanese war, and he also is determined to carry through the larger omestic legislation promised by the King's Speech, for instance, the Alien Bill and the bill to compensate owners of saloons for the deprivation of their licenses when the government reduces the number of saloons. The government is not seeking to curtail the session of parliament and does not expect to adjourn until late in August.
The attitude of the Liberal leaders

in the House of Commons in desiring the retention of Mr. Balfour in power grows out of their opposition to Lord Spencer, the Liberal leader in the House of Lords, who, in case the government resigns, would naturally be selected as the new premier. Moreover, they do not wish at the present time to undertake the management of some of the questions

now pending.