They Pay Visit to Tatoosh to Test Signals—Inspectors Are Criticised.

The lighthouse tender Columbine passed out yesterday, having on board the special commission appointed by the United States government to investigate the Valencia disaster. The Columbine will proceed to Tatoosh, which station has been ordered to keep up steam, and the vessel will stand at various distances off at sea to test the fog signals. It was the intention to come to Victoria, but, said Commissioner Murray, "Owing to the fact that there are still a large number of witnesses to be examined, we will cut our present trip as short as possible, and we may go to Victoria at a later date to question witnesses who are there."

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and 85 lives. The engineer was censured and his licence reveited. The captain was only blamed for not putiting licensed officers in the lifeboats when they were launched with the women and children. His licence was suspended for one year. The captain of the Clallam should have received the same treatment as the captain of the steamer General Slocum and the United States local inspectors discharged from their office as were the inspectors in New York who examined and passed the General Slocum. The steamer Clallam was a new boat and had just passed inspection by Inspectors Turner and Whitney.

"'In the case of the Valencia the conditions were practically the same as regards inspection. The vessel and her entire equipment was passed by the local board, Whitney and Turner, in November and declared to be all safe and her equipment in good condition.'"

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Helps Those Who Help Themselves a number of wealthy Klondikers formed a company, engaged surveyors and induced the federal government to send an expert hydraulic engineer—Mr. Thibadeau of Quebec—to report on the whole project. The result is that plans have been made and estimates prepared. It is proposed to construct an immense flume—almost a river bed, in fact—a distance of 50 miles, at a cost of \$5,000,000. This work will occupy three years and when completed will deliver 15,000 miners inches of water continuously to the benches of all the principal creeks where the proposed operations are to be carried on. These creeks are much higher than Dawson or the Klondike River, hence the impossibility of getting any adendated based of call because of the suffering it entails and because of the mexplained that McNeill was out the suffering it entails and because of the suffering i



to be served in the first instance are Hunker, Eldorado, Dominion and Bo-

Kidney disease—marked by backache, pains in the limbs, scanty, dark colored urine, puffiness about the eyes, dropsical swelling and gradual loss of flesh—is always to be dreaded both on account of the suffering it entails and because of

short as in the Cobalt country. At one place in particular where there is a canyon I saw a sheer perpendicular cliff 1,000 feet high with a vein of silver running the whole height between clearly defined walls, and glistening in the sun. In the opinion of competent judges that is going to be a great district."

Governor McInnes declared that although the past winter had been the coldest since any record had been kept, the official thermometer registering as low as 86 degrees below zero, there had been no suffering and but little discomfort in this outpost of the north, or as it is now called the half-way house to Nome. Although wood is scarce coal is plentiful and retails at the, not exorbitant rate, of \$12 a ton. Quartz mining is developing slowly, but coal mining is rapidly becoming a factor and a charter was being applied for this coming session to build a railway fifteen miles to a new deposit of good bituminous coal. Altogether this, so recently, pioneer country of hardsips, untold suffering and death, is today replete with many of the comforts and not a few of the luxuries and advantages of civilization, and Mr. McInnes is proud to be its chief commissioner.

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This fact accounts for the extraordin—DEFAULTER RETURNS.

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Ladies' White Cambric Underskirt, with deep lawn flounce, trimmed with 3 rows of hemstitching, 1 deep frill of embroidery. Regular \$1.75.

Monday, \$1.25. Ladles' White Cambric Underskirt, with deep lawn flounce, trimmed with extra wide open work embroidery. Regular \$1.75. Monday,

\$1.25.

Ladies' White Cambric Underskirt, with 24 inch flounce, trimmed with 6 rows of tucking, 2 rows of insertion and 1 row of wide embroidery. Regular \$2.00. Monday, \$1.25.

Ladies' White Cambric Underskirt, with 24 inch lawn flounce, trimmed with 2 rows of val. insertion and 1 row of deep val. lace. Regular \$2.25.

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Ladies' White Cambric Underskirt, with 18 inch lawn flounce trimmed with 10 rows of tucking and 6 inch openwork embroidery. Regular \$3.

Monday, \$1.75.

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Monday, \$1.75.
Ladies' White Cambric Underskirt.
with 18 inch lawn flounce, trimmed
with 2 rows of wide Torchon lace
and insertion. Regular \$2.75. Monday, \$1.75.
Ladies' White Cambric Underskirt,
with 15 inch flounce, trimmed with
12 rows of shell tucking, also 3½
inch Valenciennes lace. Regular
\$2.75. Monday, \$1.75.
Ladies' White Cambric Underskin,
with 13 inch flounce, trimmed with
7 rows of tucking and 3 rows of cotton Torchon lace. Regular \$2.75.
Monday, \$1.75.

Ladies' White Cambric Underskirt, with 24 inch flounce, trimmed with Val. insertion and lace, medallions and tucking Regular \$3.50, Monday, \$1.75, Ladies' White Cambric Underskirt,

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Ladles' White Cambric Underskirt, with deep lawn flounce, trimmed with 6 rows of hemstitching, 1 row of lawn insertion and 1 row of 5 inch edging. Regular \$3.00. Monday, \$1.75.

Ladles' White Long Cloth Underskirts, with 18 inch lawn flounce, strimmed with 4 clusters of tucking, 1 row of 5 inch insertion and 1 row of 7 inch edging. Regular \$3.50. Monday, \$2.50.

Ladles' White Long Cloth Underskirt, with 18 inch lawn flounce, trimmed with 30 rows of tucking and 6 inch openwork embroidery. Regular \$4.50. Monday, \$2.50.

Ladles' White Cambric Underskirt, with 15 inch flounce, trimmed with 16 row of 5 inch openwork embroidery. Regular \$3.50. Monday, \$2.50.

Ladles' White Cambric Underskirt, with 16 inch flounce, trimmed with 10 rows of tucking and 1 row of 9 inch Cluney lace. Regular \$3.50. Monday, \$2.50.

Ladles' White Cambric Underskirt, with 6 rows of hemstitching and clusters of tucks, 20 rows in each cluster, also 6 rows of 2 inch Vallace insertion, and 2 rows of 5 inch lace. Regular \$4.50. Monday, \$2.50.

Ladles' White Cambric Underskirt, with 18 inch flounce, trimmed with 6 rows of hemstitching and clusters of tucks, 20 rows in each cluster, also 6 rows of 2 inch Vallace insertion, and 2 rows of 5 inch lace. Regular \$4.50. Monday, \$2.50.

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Laddee' White Cambric Underskirt, with 18 inch flounce, trimmed with 5 rows ½ inch tucking and 9 rows of 1-4 inch tucking, also 1 row of 5 inch openwork embroidery. Regular \$4.50. Monday, \$2.50.

Ladies' White Cambric Underskirt, with 20 inch flounce trimmed with 38 rows of Val. insertion, 14 clusters of tucking, 10 rows in each cluster, 1 row of 8 inch Val. edging. Regular \$4.50. Monday, \$2.50.

Ladies' White Lawn Underskirt, with 27 inch flounce, headed with 1 row of 2 inch beading with silk ribbon, flounce profusely trimmed with medallions, insertion and 2 deep frilis of Valenciennes lace. Regular \$12.50. Monday, \$3,75.

24 inch flounce, headed with beading and ribbon, also fancy design in lace insertion with 5 inch frill of lace. Regular \$9.50. Monday, \$3.75. Ladies' White from Underskip, 27 inch flounce, with 5 rows of Val. insertion, 1 row of wide Val. lace. Regular \$7.50. Monday, \$3.75. White Lawn Underskirt, with 25 inch flounce, trimmed with fancy design of Val. lace and medallions, also wide frill of lace. Regu-

lar \$8.50. Monday, \$3.75. Ladies White Lawn Underskirt, with 23 inch flounce, headed with 1 row of insertion, fancy design in tucking and insertion, 7 frills of Val. lace. Regular \$8.50. Monday, \$3.75. (Three more similar styles. Regular \$7.50 and \$8.50. Monday, \$3.75.)

Ladies' White Cambric Underskirt, 22 inch flounce trimmed with 24 rows of tucking, 1 row of wide inser-tion and 1 frill of wide, embroidery. Regular \$7.50. Monday, \$3.75. Regular \$7.50. Monday, \$5.70.
Ladies' White Lawn Underskirt, with 21 inch flounce, trimmed with fancy designs in 1 inch Val. insertion, edged with 3 rows of Val lace.
Regular \$7.50. Monday, \$3.75. Ladies' White Cambric Underskirt, 30 inch dounce, trimmed with several rows of Cluney insertion and clus-ters of tucks edged with 1 deep row of Cluney, Regular \$7.50, Monday, \$3.75.

white Cambric Underskirt, with 24 inch flounce, trimmed with beading and ribbon, medallions, insertion and frills of Val. lace. Regular \$8.50. Monday, \$3.75. 5 Styles of White Cambric Skirts, trimmed with clusters of tucks, Val. insertion and lace, in many fancy designs. Regular \$5.00 and \$5.50. Monday, \$3.75.

Monday, \$3.70.

200 Pairs of Ladies' White Cambric
Drawers, full size, trimmed with 6
rows of tucks edged with 2 inch
fancy design Torchon lace. Regular 50c. Monday, 35c. pair,

Annual Sale of Embroidery

20,000 yards, bought at special prices, go on sale Monday, as follows:
Lawn Corset Cover Embroidery, 16 inches wide, headed with beading and Valenciennes lace; regular 50c. and 60c. Monday, 35c.

Pine Lawn Corset Cover Embroidery, 18 inches wide, edged with bearing, openwork and blind designs; regular 75c. Monday, 50c. Cambric Corset Cover Emboridery, 18 inches wide, with 2 rows of beading and fancy open work designs; regular 50c. Monday, 35c.

20 designs in Cambric Corset Cover Embroideries; regular 40c, and 50c Fine Muslin Corset Cover Embroidery, with 2 rows of beading and 2 rows of insertion; regular 75c. Monday,

(Six other designs to choose from.)

10 inch Cambric Flouncings, open designs; regular 30c. and 35c. Monday, 20c.

5 inch Cambric Embroidery, open designs; regular 20c. and 25c. Monday, 15c.

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designs; regular 30c. and 35c. Mondesigns; regular 30c. and 35c. Monday, 20c.
6½ inch Edgings, 8 fancy designs; regular 20c. Monday, 10c.
7 inch Embroidery Edgings, 7 open designs; regular 20c. Monday, 10c.
Musiin Embroideries and Edges, about 100 patterns, which in the ordinary way would be sold at least from 10c. to 85c. per yard; all go in the Annual Sale, Monday, at 5c. to 50c. per yard.

13 Tea Gowns, Monday, \$6 each, [Values from \$10 to \$15 each.]

13 Handsome Tea Gowns go on sale Monday at \$6.00 each, styles and values as follows: values as follows:

1 Red Albatross Accordeon Pleated Tea Gown, with deep flounce trimmed with 1 row of insertion, deep pointed collar trimmed with many rows of cream insertion, sleeves trimmed with 1 row of insertion and 2 rows of lace; regular \$15,00. Monday, \$6.00.

Pink Accordeon Pleated Albatross Gown, with deep collar tucked and trimmed with lace, sleeves also trim-med with lace; regular \$13.50. Mon-day, \$6.00.

Red Albatross Tea Gowns trimmed with 2 rows of insertion, front, sleeves and collar trimmed with insertion and lace; regular \$12.50. Monday, \$6.00. Cream Albatross Tea Gowns, flounce, sleeves and collar trimmed with ecru, lace and insertion; regular \$12.50. Monday, \$6.00.

Sky Cashmere Tea Gowns with deep collar trimmed with 4 rows of lace insertion, with cross over front; reg-ular \$11.50. Monday, \$6.00.

collar trimmed with 1 row of cream net insertion edged with deep frill net insertion edged with deep frin
of net lace, sleeves trimmed with insertion and lace; regular \$12.50.
Monday, \$6.00.

Black Albatross Accordeon Pleated
Tea Gown, with deep flounce headed with cream insertion, large collar trimmed with 2 rows of insertion and edged with deep lace; regular \$12.50. Monday, \$6.00.

1 Pink Accordeon Pleated Tea Gown, collar trimmed with ivory net lace and insertion, deep flounce with frill, trimmed with insertion and lace, sleeves also trimmed with insertion and lace; regular \$11.00. Monday, \$6.00.

1 Sky Albatross Accordeon Pleated Tea Gown, deep flounce with frill, deep collar trimmed with Gulpure and edged with Oriental lace, lar \$10.00. Monday, \$6.00.

1 Sky Albatross Tea Gown with deep flounce trimmed with insertion and lace sleeve and deep collar also trimmed with insertion and lace; reg-ular \$11.50. Monday, \$6.00.

front, deep collar trimmed with 2 rows of insertion and 1 row of lace, sleeves and flounce also trimmed with insertion and lace; regular \$10. Monday, \$6.00.

Cardinal Crepe Tea Gown, collar and sleeves trimmed with medal-lions and lace; regular \$11.50. Mon-dar, \$6.00.

High Grade Furniture at Half Price

1 Solid Mahogany Dresser, swell front drawers, large beveled glass; regu-lar \$60.00. Sale price, \$30.00. 1 Solid Mahogany Dresser, 4 fancy swell front drawers, large oval beveled mirror, hand carved legs; regular \$47.50. Sale price, \$23.75.
Solid Mahogany Dresser, cork screw turned supports for large beveled mirror, swell front drawers, colonial style; regular \$85.00. Sale price, \$42.50. price, \$42.50.
Solid Mahogany Dresser, 2 large and 3 small swell front drawers, hand carved, extra large beveled mirror,

a very handsome piece of furniture; regular \$150.00. Sale price, \$75.00. 1 Solid Mahogany Dresser and Bed, plain smooth panel in head and foot of bed, swell front drawers and extra large beveled mirror in dresser; regular \$200.00. Sale price, \$100.00. Solid Mahogany Sideboard, 2 large cupboards on each side, fancy swell front drawers, long beveled mirror; regular \$125.00. Sale price, \$62.50. Solid Mahogany Book Case, 5 shelves, plain smooth finish, colonial style; regular \$47.50. Sale price, \$23.75.

1 Quarter Cut Oak Sideboard, hand carved cupboard doors and all around large beveled mirror, fancy claw foot carved legs; regular \$150.

1 Highly Polished Weathered Oak Sideboard, one of the best finished pieces in the store, 2 cupboards, 2 large and 3 small drawers, lined, regular \$150.00 Sale price, \$75.00.

1 Highly Polished Weathered Oak China Cabinet, 5 shelves; regular \$85.00. Sale price, \$42.50.

1 Highly Polished Weathered Oak S foot Extension Table to match sideboard and China Cabinet; regular \$63.00. Sale price, \$31.50.

Important Sale of Tapestries On Monday we will place on sale about 800 yards of Tapestries, values \$1.25 to \$3.50, for 90c, a yard.

Colored French Silks n Checks and Stripes, 20 inches wide,

Pink and white, wide and narrow stripes.
Light blue and white checks.
White and blue stripes.
Navy and white spot, small and large.
White and cardinal stripes and checks.
Brown and white stripes.
Brown and white checks.
White and navy stripes and checks.
Navy and white checks and stripes.
72 pieces in all, SPECIAL.

Colored French Mousiellun. White and cream spot; cream and white spot.

Colored French Mousiellun. Nile spot, small and medium. Brown spot, small and medium. Helio and white spot.

Navy spot.

20 in Colored Taffeta, 50c.

Black, white, cream, nile, grey, hello, cardinal, champagne, navy, sky, medium and dark green, reseda; 75c. quality for 50c. 20 in. French Pailletto, 50c.

Extra special in all new shades, grey, bello, reseda, sky, pink, navy, green, brown, fawn, also in white, cream and black.



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By Cable From Lond

Duke of Devonshire in Lor clares Against Fiscal Reform

Lord Lansdowne Defend Balfour and Lord Gosel Repudiates Him.

> tish Opinion of Germ Action at Algecires Conference.

ONDON, Feb. 22.—In the ho lords today the Duke of shire provoked a debate fiscal question, in opening he announced that he and his would oppose to the best of their the proposals made by the Unionis ers. The Duke added that he extends that would not accent ship which involved him with the ersnip which involved him with the constant of the constant of

pudiating it.

A bill was introduced in the hor commons today aiming at the remethe embargo on Canadian cattle. second reading was set for April supporters of the measure include conditions. There are conditions are conditions to the measure include conditions are conditions. ll Canadian members. There hope of the bill passing the commons, but it is feared that deteated in the house of lords. Great Britain and German

Official opinion in Great Britai garding the Moroccan conference be summed up by the statement "is is now certain Germany desires to geciras conference to break up w settling the vexed Moroccan ques The belief in England is that all endeavors of German and British jects to create a better feeling be jects to create a better feeling better respective countries are bein done by the German attitude at ciras. In English official circles is no attempt to hide the discomfe the course of events at the confect of the course and loses no opport to harass France and render fut efforts of the powers to compromidifierences between the two mothers of the powers to compromidifierences between the two mothers of the powers to compromidifierences between the two mothers of the powers to compromidifierences between the two mothers of the powers to compromid of the course of the course of the course of the course of the rumored meeting.

Will Oppose Kaiser's Plans

Will Oppose Kaiser's Pla After today's cabinet meeting asserted in ministeric circles that Britain, at the proper moment, necessary, inform Germany the Moroccan policy of the fatherland source of deep anxiety to this ment, since it exhibits tendencies threaten ultimately to require Bridispute its further progress.

The statement has been confirme in event of France's abandoning I co to Germany in preference to r a war, the British government w pose directly Germany's plans, not expected among best informe clais here that France will go to v present to enforce her own views tive to Morocce, but the opinion vails that she would undoubtedly to prevent Germany from altering status quo in the Western Medit ean region to the disadvantag France. It is categorically as that The statement has been confir

Great Britain Is Ready

great Britain is Ready at a moment's notice to reply with to any forcible measure which Ger may take to "change the political of Western Europe and Northern A in any essential respect."

The Kaiser is accused of seekin neutralize the British Gibraltar in West, while he himself is building German Gibraltar in the east on Island of Thasos.

It is evident that a bitter f against Germany is silently but st growing throughout English so British officials cannot see where F can further yield toward German v. In some quarters it is believed Germany, at the last moment fithat all the powers excepting posture are sympathizing with Fr will agree to the compromise office the French delegates. On this ac France will be urged to allow a cuance of the conference, giving the resentatives of the powers an oppoity of expressing their views on the ject upon which Germany and F could not agree.

Ambassador Reid at noon today ally opened the second section of sixth annual exhibition of the Intional Society of Sculptor Painter Engravers at the new art gallery. Reid in a short and pleasing spectiferred to the fact that the foun infirst president of the society were Americans and expressed the hope the foundation principles may yet trate America.

TORONTONIAN'S TRAGIC E While Delirious Escapes From Ital in Batavia Clad in Bathro

Batavia, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Alexa bertson of Toronto died at the lal here tonight. Robertson, defended been a patient at the hospita veral days, escaped from his day while in a delirious cond ad in a bathrobe and a pair of second and in a bathrobe and a pair of second and in a bathrobe and a pair of second and in a bathrobe and a pair of second and in a bathrobe and a pair of second and in a bathrobe and a pair of second and in a bathrobe and a pair of second and in a bathrobe and second in turned in the second and in a bathrobe and in the second and in the second and in the second in the second and in the second o'clock tonight. He was 39 yes and was born in Scotland. H an expert gramite worker and president of the Granite Cutters' of Toronto.