

sentatives have been compelled to recogin school legislation, but declares this nize the justice of the American conto be inadequate, and exhorts Roman tention for the preservation of the fur Catholics to persist in claiming all seal herd, can hardly fail to be helpful their rights, though they must not reto the Americans in the negotiations fuse any partial reparations obtainable. next year for a new modus vivendi unwith a view to reduce the perils in the ler the Paris awards. The prompt setway of the education of youth. tlement of the damages agreed upon by In concludsion, the pope in his ency-Justices Putnam and King will protect clical says that in the event of these bethe chances of a reasonable adjustment ing unobtainable. Roman Catholics of the chief question at issue. Othershould provide their own schools, and adopt under the guidance of their bishwise the present regulations will re-Paris award, or until experience shows approgramme of shifty in consonance that they will be inadequate for the proscientific progress. tection of the seals. ADDED TO ALASKA'S FLEET. FIRE AT NORTHFIELD. New York, Dec. 23 .- The Red D steamship Curacoa has been sold by the Dan Coyle's Store and R. Gourley's owners, Messrs, Boulton, Blis and Da-Residence Destroyed. lette, to go into the Alaska trade. The Naraimo Free Press: This morning purchasers are said to be Pacific coast residents, and the price paid \$180,000. about one o'clock the Parisian store at Northfield, occupied by Mr. D. Coyle, the The Curacoa was built especially to trade between this port and Curacoa, residence of Mr. Robert Gourley, and a Maracaibo, by the merchants of Philastable nearby were totally destroyed by delphia. The first essential required fire. From information received we was a minimum draught with a maxilearn that the fire originated in Mr. Gourley's residence and was not observmum cargo capacity, owing to the fact ed until it was a mass of flames and had that the vessel was to havigate the set Mr. Coyle's store on fire. Mr. and shallow waters of Lake Maracaibo. She Mrs. Gourley and Coyle were spending came fully up to the expectations of her builders and ran regularly to Maracaibo the evening at Mr. Norcross's residence. and their first knowledge of the fire was chartered. when the general alarm was given. The Curacoa is a handsome vessel of Had there been a sufficient supply of the American type. Her cabins and water the stable might have been saved. state rooms are beautifully finished in The contents of Mr. Gourley's house white enamel and gold; in fact she is an were completely destroyed. A small quantity of Mr. Coyle's stock was saved ideal ship for the tropical trade. Boulton. Blis and "Dalette recently sold the and removed to the store occupied by Valencia, also for service in Alaskan Mr. James Hill. waters. The Curacoa, on acount of her The buildings were owned by Mr. R. Kilpatrick, of Wellington, and were parlight draught, and large carrying capa city, is a valuable addition to the fleet tially insured as follows: On the store of vessels now plying between San building, \$1,000 in the London and Francisco, Seattle, St. Michaels and anadian Insurance Company; on the tock, \$500 in the same company and other points along the coast of Alaska. She has gone to Baltimore to prepare \$700 in the Phoenix; on Mr. Gourley's residence, \$500, in the London and Canand outfit for the long voyage around the 'Horn. adian Insurance Company. HUNTERS FROZEN TO DEATH. FRANCE IN CHINA. Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 23 .- From pas-

should be made acquainted. Lovalty to the party has kept silent many Liberals who know what was behind the Langelier episode, but their loyalty has been abused to such an extent it time to raise the edge of the curtain. he fact is that some of the worst eleients of Mercier's regime are coming o the surface, and there is now at Que ec a struggle for the mastery in which whole country is interested. The otorious Bay des Chaleurs railway, or s more high sounding successor, the tlantic & Lake Superior railway, is gain the centre of one phase of the The Montreal correspondent of fight. Evenement, a Conservative paper Quebec, has hit the nail on the head when he wrote: "The point of divergnce, probably, was the refusal of Sir Wilfrid and Hon, Mr. Tarte to have nything to do with C. N. Armstrong, vhose name was mixed up with th Bay des Chaleurs railway matter. Mr. arte took such a strong stand against ubsidizing Armstrong's railway that issatisfaction, at first concealed, beame public, and matters were embit-The Ouebec end was carefully red arned by Pacaud of Soleil, and all ame for Langelier's dissatisfaction is id to the door of Mr. Tarte.'

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There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in numberless cases. Here is a sample housands of letters received: "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat rouble, and found immediate and effecive relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."-Edgar W. Whittemore, Editor Grand Rivers (Ky.) Herald. For sale at Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.



Powerful Cruiser Ordered to Prepare For Oriental Service.

a party of four hunters were found frozen to death by the roadside, near Dawes Creek, Newton county, Monday morning, London, Dec. 24 .- A special dispatch from Paris says: "The French cruiser It is believed they were W. H. Hughes, A. H. Dolphin, John W. Bright and Potheau has been ordered to prepare for service in Chinese waters. The Potheau Samuel Sevier, of Chicago. is a first-class cruiser of over 5,000 tons displacement and 10,000 indicated horse JAPANESE WAR VESSELS. San Francisco, Dec. 23 .- Work on the She is classed as having a power. Japanese war vessel Chitos, in course of speed of 19 knots, and carries tw 7 inch construction at the Union Iron Works, guns, ten 5 inch quick-firing guns and is being pushed forward and she will be

18 small quick-firing guns." HALF-MILE RECORD.

flat.

her armament. The Japanese govern-Milwaukee, Dec. 23 .- Walter C. Sanment uses the English Armstrong guns ger yesterday afternoon broke his own on all its ships. Hence she will not be world's indoor record for half a mile unequipped in this port. paced, riding the distance in 1 minute

ITALIAN SQUADRON.

launched early in January. She will go

at once to Japan, where she will receive

sengers reaching here it is learned that

London, Dec. 23 .- A dispatch from Women with psle, coloriess faces, who feel weak and discouraged, will receive both mental and bodily vigor by using Car-ter's Iron Pills, which are made for the blood memories of the blood for the Rome says at a meeting of the Italian cabinet to-day it was decided to dispatch a squadron to the Chinese waters.

ounce on letters from Canada to Great Britain and the rest of the empire. The Imperial authorities prefer that a conference he first held to secure a reciprocal reduction of postage both ways between Canada and the rest of the em- tion proposals, to which the diet is hospire, and which it is hoped will cover not only letters, but papers and periodicals. The hearty acquiescence of the British and colonial authorities on this larger question is looked for, and the outcome of the discussions and negotiations will

in all probability result in the establishment of a British imperial preferential postal arrangement, covering the whole field of postal communcation.

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LADY MILLAIS DEAD.

STEAMER NAKUSP BURNED. Mysterions Fire Destroys a C.P.R. Boat

and Cargo at Arrowhead.

Revelstoke, B. C., Dec. 24 .- Fire started last night about 24:30 on board the steamer Naksup, while lying at the peror Nicholas presided to-day at a spedock at Arrowhead. She was loaded with freight for southern points. The palace, including the grand dukes and fire is upposed to have started in the pantry, and made such headway that it The Chinese situation was discussed, and was impossible to check it. The steamer was burned to the water's edge to, gether with her cargo, which consisted of hay and feed. Her machinery is not up to a recent period, when she was expected to be damaged to much extent. The cause of the fire is unknown. The steamer was insured. The fine new steamer Rossland will take her run.

THE ALLEGED FAMINE.

Important Statements Regarding the Situation at Dawson City.

In regard to the contradictory reports about the conditions in Dawson, Mr. D. P. Quinlan, an interview with whom appeared in last evening's Times, says the starvation reports are being circulated by men who went in without provisions and not being able to buy any had to turn back. Because there are no provisions for sale it

does not follow that all have not enough to last them throughout the winter. There was some talk of pooling the provisions, he said, but it was found that all who were short had left for Fort Yukon. Mr. Quinlan particularly cautioned the Times' representative against an interview with a Mr. Lindsay, which had appeared the Skagway News, and told of certain starvation. Mr. Lindsay was one of those was married to Ruskin. who went in light and had to turn back. Mr. Quinlan says there are two warehouses In Dawson, both full of beef and mutton, and up the river there are several barges

on the bars, loaded with meat. This meat can be taken to Dawson, when the river freezes.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be. "Since I've had your Cough Remedy, baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but would give him a dose of the remedy and it prevented his having it every Hundreds of mothers say the time.'

Vancouver.

ANOTHER OCEAN LOG RAFT. Portland, Dec. 23 .- Capt. H. R. Rob ertson, president of the Robertson Raft Company, has let a contract for 1,000,-000 feet of piling which will be made into a raft at Stella, on the Columbia river, and towed to San Francisco.

An ordinary cough or cold may not be thought much of at the time, but neglect may mean in the end a consumptive's grave. Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine will not cure consumption when the lungs are riddled with cavities; but it will stop the cough and will cure consumption in its early stages, and even in its last stages gives same. Sold by Langley & Henderson such relief as to be a perfect Godsend to Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and those whose lives are nearing a close.

is evidently on the same line. officials have attended. The Japanese General John W. Foster, who is in newspapers, the dispatch says, are non general charge of Behring sea affairs, plussed at the situation in the far east. said to-night as to the award he was while the ministry is involved in mestic troubles connected with its taxanot surprised at the result. President Cleveland having officially declared that \$425,000 was a just and equitable sum

Vienna correspondent in settlement, and having appointed him Standard says he has ascertained that as commissioner to adjudicate the the first news of the occupation of Port claims, as a close personal and political Arthur emanated from Tokio, a fact sigfriend it could hardly be expected that ificant of Japanese vigilance. Discuss Mr. Foster would strenuously contend ing the Japanese position, the corresponfor an award of a less amount. Mr. dent says she cannot declare war against Foster was absent from the country in either China or Russia. If she did the Japan when congress took action ten ironclads that are being built for her President Cleveland's recommendation, in Europe and America, and are nearly but he regarded the commission as the finished, would be shut up till the war proper method of reaching a settlement was over. She will therefore risk nothand the only one which would satisfy. ing by herself, St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—The greatest Notwithstanding the seizures which

gave rise to the award were initiated eticence is maintained in government under a Democratic administration, ircles. The censors have forbidden the President McKinley will doubtless unpress to attack Germany on account of hesitatingly recommend congress to prothe occupation of Kaio Chou Bay. Emvide for the payment, and Mr. Foster hoped and felt sure that congress would cial meeting of the council at Alexander make the necessary appropriation to disthe chief military and naval authorities. it is rumored that Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitck advised the immediate strengthening of the Russian squadron in good spirit.

Washington, Dec. 23 .- The announce-Vienna, Dec. 23 .- The Deutche Zei-"The United States, which from its geographical position has a greater increst in the opening up of China than London for many years. At the outset all the European powers together, cannot the tone on both sides was very belpossibly assent to its partition or to a ligerent, suggesting a possible resort to division into spheres of influence witharms. This was followed later by the out having a voice in the matter. It Corwin seizing the Carolina and Thornwould be a great mistake to under-estiton on August 1, 1886. The facts of the mate the strength of the United States. seizure were not known until some time and a partition of China would be imlater, and in the meantime the Corwin possible without America's approval and participation. The European powers will had taken the Onward and Favorite. The same policy of seizure and confiscation do well to give timely attention to the

just aspirations and interests of the continued during several sealing seasons despite the protests of Great Britain. The United States cutter Richard Rush took the Sayward, Grace, Anna Beck, Dolphin, Alfred Adams, Triumph, London. Dec. 23 .- Lady Millais, widow Juanita, Pathfinder, Black Diamond, of Sir John Millais, late president of the Royal Academy, is dead. Lady Millais Lily, Ariel. Kate and Minnie, while the United States cutter Bear took the Ada. was the divorced wife of John Ruskin, The claims for these seizures took a who voluntarily gave her up when it was evident that she loved Millais. Ruskin wide range, beginning with the value of tood in the church while, in 1895, she the vessels and the outfits, and including not only the seal skins confiscated, but

also the value of the skins which might have been taken if the schooners had not been seized. The last feature, of prospective damages, caused the main contention. In the case of each British ship the largest item of the claim was for estimated further catch. For instance in the case of the Carolina the

claim for the ship was crair \$4,000, while that for skins which might have been taken that year, if she had not been seized, was \$16,667. Each ship estimated a prospective catch of from 3.500 to 5,000 skins. The total of the claims, without interest at 7 per cent., and other additions, reached \$786,166.

Harsh purgative remedies are fast giving way to the gentle action and mild effects of Carter's Little Liver Pills. If you try them they will certainly please you.

number of dysentery cases reported up to the end of November was 87,278, of which 21.545 proved fatal.

A PACK TRAIN

Ordered to Proceed From Wyoming to the Klondike.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 23 .- Orders were received here at 7 o'clock last evening by the quartermaster of the 8th United States Infantry, to have the army pack train of the department of the Platte, stationed here, leave for Al on alska at the earliest possible moment The pack train is in charge of Chief Packer Tom Mooney. He will have the entire outfit consisting of ten expert packers and eighty trained and drilled pack mules, on the cars to-day ready to start.

WEST SAANICH.

The closing exercises of the West Saanich school were held on Friday afternoon, the 17th inst. The usual procharge the treaty obligation, and as the gramme of classes was interspersed Canadians are to receive interest up to with readings, recitations and songs, the date on their deferred claims, the re- class singing being a special feature. sult should be accepted on both sides in The schoolroom had been nicely decorated by the children for the occasion and the old stove transformed into a new ment of the finding of the sealing arbi- one by the same hands; and with the trators is received with satisfaction new seats in place the school room prehere. The controversy has occupied the sented a very bright appearance, inattention of the authorities here and in deed. Thanks are due to the government for the new seats and a new fence and other repairs to the school property. There was a good number of friends and parents in attendance. The meeting closed with a rousing Christmas carol by the children.

> FOR THE ALASKAN FLEET. New York, Dec. 23 .- C. P. Huntington has sold the 2,000 ton steamer Morgan City, now here, and it will sail in the course of two or three weeks for Seattle and South Alaskan ports. The purchaser is Joseph Ledue, and the price is about \$250,000. Mr. Ladue has given an order for several steamers for the transportation business. The Mor gan City will be added to the fleet and will run between Seattle, Dyea and Skagway until June, when she will start with freight and passengers for St. Michaels, connecting at that place with the river boats.

THE BRITISH RETIRE. Victoria, Labuan, Dec. 23 .- The Sikh olice force attacking the stronghold of the insurgent Matsalloh has been forced Adjutant Jones and six Sikhs to retire. were killed.

NO RUBBING NEEDED.

In case of severe sprains or strains, ordinary liniments that require rubbing are very painful. A little "Quickcure spread on linen or cotton, and placed over the sore part removes the pain more quickly and surely than any other known means. The 50c, and \$1 since contain three and nine times the quantity in trial size; only a little is required.