TEN STEAMERS AT THE DOCKS

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Deep Sea Arrivals This Week at the Outer Wharves will Total Ten Vessels Loading and Unloading

Steamer Kamakura Maru, Capt. B. Kon, of the Nippon Yusen kaisha, will reach port today from the Orient to disembark passengers and discharge about 500 tons of general freight. The Jap ense steamer left Yokohama on Jan vary 3. The aJpanese steamers bring several hundred tons of freight ever voyage for trans-shipment from Vic-toria to eastern Canada, and the cargo is taken to Vancouver by one of the C. P. R. steamers. The Tamba Maru of this line left. Yokohama yesterday to follow the fielt now en route across the Pacific toward Victoria It is seldom that a week passes without nine or ten deep sea liners com ing to the outer wharf in or outbound Ten steamers are expected this week. The Lonsdale sailed on Monday for Mexico, the Inaba Maru of the N. Y. K. line followed on Tuesday the steamer Queen left yesterday morning for San Francisco with a good cargo and good compliment of passengers, and following the Kamakura Maru, expected today, is the Monteagle of the P. R., the Titan of the Blue Funnel line and Ryygja of the Weir line, expected about the end of the week from ickohama and other ports of the Far East, and the British steamer Damara is expected to come to the Victoria Chemical Works wharf about Sunday next binging 700 tons of nitrate from Chill for the local company. The Damara is now on her way from Los Angeles. The steamer Umatilla is expected today from San Francisco, and, auding the steamer Grey, which left the outer wharf on Tuesday night for Sechart and Kyuquot to load another cargo of fertilizer for San Pedro, the deep-sea vessels in and out this week will total ten.

HOUSE DEBATES OLD AGE PENSION

(Continued from page one)

The minister of justice will bring in a bill to amend the criminal code making the holding of such meets illegal. The racing association hereafter will have to get its authority by an act of the federal or provincial legislature instead of merely obtain-ing letters patent. The object of the amendment is to lessen the number of gambling meets.

MR. P. WILLIAMS ON LEGISLATION (Continued from page one)

third time and passed, and received the assent of the lieutenant-governor. Mr. Williams asked the hon, the minister of railways the following ques-

tions: What number of workmen are employed on construction of the Canadian Northern Rallway: (a) On mainland of British Columbia? (b) On Vancouver

Island? 2. What rates of wages are paid on each section respectively? 3. What rates are charged for board on the said work?

The Hon. Mr. Taylor replied as fol-

without straw, and these gentlemen de- anyone to start a fire until there had serve credit for the manner in which been so much rain that the brush would they have dealt with, this particular not burn. Under these circumstances been so much rain that the brush would

speech, which has nothing in it whatspeech, which has nothing in it what-ever." Passing over the opening parts of the speech from the throne, Mr. Williams touched upon the proposed rallway policy. The gentieman from Vancouver who moved the address was willing to who moved the address was willing to sat here himself for a time he would take the premier on faith though the have mighty little regard for any of us, premier had displayed more confidence. premier had displayed more confidence to his henchmen at the New Westmin-ster convention than he had to the house. The member for Vancouver Mr. Watson: "The second member for Vancouver." Well, if the working

men of Vancouver have anything to say got sia, and never spread further until it got to British Columbia." He added he will probably be the sixth member that if they put good men in as fire-wardens it would be unnecessary to at the next election if only five are elected for the house. As for the finanplaster every fence and gatepost in the ances of the province, I usually feel province with notices offering rewards rich if I have "six bits" on me and can o people who informed on anyone hardly be expected to deal with money starting a bush fire. running into ten million dollars. The Wages and Cost of Living member for Vancouver repeated the

He continued that the fourth member time-worn story that in years past British Columbia was on the rocks fin- for Vancouver (Mr. Tisdall) after a ancially and a political Moses rose and long speech on the prosperity of the rescued it. , The facts lead to no such province had called upon the governconclusion. It would have needed great ment to increase the size of orphanages skill to prevent whatever change has occurred. The change, I have repeat-ed it several limes and am willing to repeat it as long as the financial Moses with him a copy of the Labor Gazette, is trotted out in this house, is due to published by the department of labor at the fact that the province is parting Ottawa, and this showed that the cost with its natural resources. If we are of living had imcreased in ten years 37 asked to believe that a financial Moses put cent. How had wages fared in combrought this about in British Columbia parison? Fifteen years ago he had himthe same political Moses must have self earned \$2.50 a day on railway conbobbed up in every other province in struction, and at the present time men Canada and every state of the American were working for \$2.25 a day for the union. Yet the Hon. Richard McBride Canadian Northern Railway Company stands for all the credit like a hero and or. Vancouver island. Among minera there had been a ten per cent. increas Mr. Williams added that except for in wages in ten years, but they had to with within a due a that except for the injustice known as the poli tax, tax ation was of little interest to the workers of the province. The govern-ment was fond of appointing commis-tion was "provided that current wages" sions, but was careful to put on them should be paid to railway workers, but only its own supporters. This govern- the wages they were paying showed a ment which sat up at night teaching fall of ten per cent, while the cost of patriotism, might well in this respect living had increased 37 per cent.

learn a lesson from the Old Country "In spite of all the nice things that where the commissions were of no par- have been said in press reports, it seemticular character, and, if appointed by ed to me that the premier was in parliament, contained members of both parliament, contained members of both parties. But the govenrment here in his remarks when he was replying to dealt out positions to its own support-ers and consequently they saw commis-It seems to me that all the fulsome sion after commission "cavorting over the province." premier in recent years is having an ill At this juncture it was announced, At this juncture its was anioutice, effect, and is sporing that good have that the Lieutenant-Governor was com-ing down and there would be an inter-mission of fifteen minutes. His Honor That is the most there is to Hon. Richeffect, and is spoiling that good nature

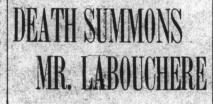
entered without ceremony and gave as-sent to the Vancouver Validation Act. and good memory for faces.' So he has got to think that because his picture Mr. Williams resuming said that he stands behind any policy it must not be must thank the govenrment for the in-termission as it had enabled him to get dom of the remark of the newspapera few figures that otherwise he would not have got. He wished to pay his respects to the Victoria Colonist which paid a great deal of attention to him. He wished to remark on the way it was and rothing else. I admit that the Honrice wished to remark on the way it was edited. He knew the members of the press gailery and he had not the slight-est doubt that what came from the gail-tery was a truthful representation of what occurred in the house, but the way Unsettled Areas

what occurred in the house, but the way it was doctored by the paper was hardly fair, since carefully eliminated; but where were carefully eliminated; but where the disadvant. ever anything is found to the disadvant-age of the other side it was worked to the very limit. The Colonist was one been in power they had enough railway mitted that since the government had under construction to open up a great sted from two sources: from advertisdeal of country; but where were the ing various notices under the Land Act and advertisements paid for by the govpre-emptors who should reap the advantage, of it? Where was the land ernment. Outside papers in the provavailable for them? It was easy to color maps red, but they found the lery, but took their reports from papers papers filled with the notices of land like the Victoria Colonist, so that they were poisoned at the source. Anything speculators. The census reports show ed that the greater part of the populathat was British never failed to ap-peal to the Victoria Colonist; it was altion of British Columbia was on the

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Was Never Consulted. Was Never Consulted. "I-was never consulted in this matter," with Mr. Williams, "the first that I heard of the process of the process of the pro-paper reports. I wrote at once to the Pre-mier to profest against it and I received a reply that was so brief that I felt like framing it, and also one I received from him seven years ago on the same subject as showing the evolution of thought of the means ago, the Premier seemed to recognize my tight to protest at least, but on the re-cent occasion his lester was so brief that future, it will stand as a model to me whom I want to tell somebody to mind his over the same that he did not be the total to the busines." <text><text><text><text>

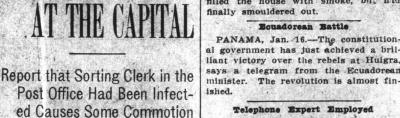
Mr. Jardine moved the adjournment of the



Celebrated English Publicist, •Diplomatist and Politician Dies at His Villa in Florence, Italy

FLORENCE, Italy, Jan. 16 .- Henry Labouchere, the editor of the London Truth, died at his villa here this morning.

Henry Labouchere was, during the years in which he played an active part in the public life of Great Britain, one of the most widely known journal-



by the police as the cause of their deaths, which are believed to have or-

curred on Sunday night. The fire had

burned a large hole in the floor, and filled the house with smoke, but had

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FOR PROHIBITION

Comperance Organization in New Bruns

wick Prepares Bill For Submis-

sion to Government

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 16 .- The com

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the prohibitory act reported to the meet-

ng of the temperance federation to-

night. The report was accepted in full

and heartily endorsed. The committee's

report will be laid before the provin

cial government. The new act is re-

modelled after the three which appeal-

the Nova Scotia act, the Prince Edward

Island act, and the Canada Temperance

act. There are special features which

differ from other temperance legislation.

Liquor is to be distributed only by

commissioners appointed by the provin-

cial government, such commissioners to

be under salary. Those receiving it will

be the vendors in various counties, and

If the government fails to accept the

act it is said they will have candidates

at the next election, or possibly ask the

opposition to make prohibition their

CONTRACT TODAY

His First Official Act Will Be

Affixing Signature to Sooke

Lake Development Agree-

This morning Mayor Beckwith will

have the honor of affixing his signature

as practically his first official act as

mayor to the contract with the West-holme Lumber company to which con-

cern the Sooke Lake development work

has been awarded by the ratepayers.

The ceremony will probably take place

In honor of the event a brand new

fountain pen, gaudy with gold filagree

work and an excellent specimen of the

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posed to be mightier than the sword.

in the mayor's office at 11 o'clock.

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MAYOR SIGNS

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WINNIPEG. Jan. 16 .- R. L. Barry Among Public general superintendent of the Tri-State Felephone company of Minneapolis, has accepted a position on the provincia commission of Manitoba to investigate the telephone situation. OTTAWA, Jan. 15 .-... An unprece

dented situation regarding the local mails arose "at Ottawa today. A sorting clerk was said to be infected with smallpox, and a flurry arose in all the local branches, but while the medical health officer of the city had power over all other departments he could not control the government property and waited until 5 o'clock this evening to get permission to quaran-

tine the mail institution Meanwhile early in the afternoon the mails were distributed, but at 5 o'clock a close guard was put around the building, and those persons who had only entered the rotunda were held up for quite a while until the medical health officer released them, and all the employees were held for examination Those during the day had wandered amongst the public without restriction, the general public had gone in and out as they pleased, and the mails were sent out.

At 5 o'clock rigid quarantine was enforced; no employee that was it will only be permitted for medicinal allowed to go out until vaccinated, and those that did get away must be vaccinated before they return in the morning unless the medical health officers are satisfied they are immune. Meanwhile all the mail matter received in Ottawa is being held, and the whole institution closed until thorough fumigation of all had been mad

by the local officers. At midnight the fumigation of the mail was complete and all matter held up will be released for delivery. There will ikely be about 90 employees vaccinated. Those mails received up till early afternoon were sent out and many more of the important mails had already been despatched before the hour of the notifi cation of the disease.

CONSERVATION IDEAS

Recommendations Adopted by Commis sion at Meeting in Ottawa-Neglect of Farmers

OTTAWA, Jan. 16 .- At a conserva tion commission meeting Dr. J. R. Robertson read a report of the committee on land, stating that the farmers of Canada did not conserve the fertility of the soil in any province. Forty per cent, of the farms inspected in the west had shown substantial decreases in production, and the systematic rotation of

crops was the only remedy. An appropriation of \$110,000 was raised fci the Rocky Mountain reserve for the year. The establishment of a national aboratory was endorsed. The appointment of a chief fire inspector and staff as a part of the railway commission was ged and also a commission on tuberculosis.

A recommendation that Ottawa and Hull be created a federal district in connection with the Dominion' conser vation commission town planning scheme was also passed.

Kills Her Infant

TORONTO, Jan. 16 .- Maud Filbert, an inmate of the Salvation Army refuge home, told Judge Aylesworth this morn-

ras been purchased and will be used in signing the historic document. Once that is accomplished the pen will be presented to his worship by the water commissioner who will doubtless speak a few words on an occasion of such me ment in the history of the water works

administration. Immediately the contract is signed and sealed by the city the company will be in a position to make a start on the work which is to bring a daily supply of 16,000,000 gallons of water

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VANCOUVER, Jan. 15 .- Subject the addition of several minor accounts the total disbursements of the Canadian Northern Railway for construction and engineering work in British Colum bia for December will approxima \$825,000, as against \$707,000 in Nover er and \$700,000 in October. Of total expenditure during December less than \$640,000 is credited to section between Hope and Kamloops. According to official returns sent to the company's head office here, the number of laborers employed on construction on Vancouver Island and the mainland for the same month is 5600, a figure which promises to be ver largely increased, possibly to 10,000 early next spring. The total disburse. ments will then, it is estimated, reac \$1,000,000 a month, a total that likely to be maintained for nine month when' the bulk of the grading will have been finished. No less than 500 horses are also employed on the work in add tion to a score of steam shovels. Tracklaying on the main line Fraser River valley has been extended

east as far as Sumas Mountain, and Chilliwack will be reached within several weeks.

GOOD PROSPECT OF AGREEMENT

(Continued from page oney grams with President Sun Yat Sen. s understood they finally agreed to guarantees. Certain representatives de cline to accept Yuan Shi Kai as president of the republic in place of Dr. Sur Yat Sen, but the former may hold the premiership, in the government, and when peace is restored and the consti tution drawn up Yuan may have an opportunity to secure his election. Dr. Sun, however, is persisting in his de ermination to retire.

The president declared today that no loans had been contracted by the republicans.

Acceptance of Republic SHANGHAI, Jan. 17 .- Tang Shao Yi has received a telegram from Peking saying that as a result of today's dis-

cussion the imperial princes are unanimously in favor of acceptance of a re public. Repudiates Assassing NANKING, Jan. 18 .- The republican

eaders have entirely repudiated all the persons arrested at Peking for complicity in the attempted assassination of Yuan Shi Kai. President Sun Yat Sen personally telegraphed his sympathy to Yuan.

The Associated Press has every reason to believe that President Sun and Tang Shao Yi are in complete agreement on almost every point in the procedure looking to peace. It is believed that Tang Shao Yi has been re-empowered personally to act on behalf of Yuan. The situation is regarded as being more hopeful than at any other time in the last three months.

Mongolian Situation

ST. PETERSBURG. Jan. 17. - A change has come over the situation Mongolia, according to reports published

in the papers here. A number of the

THE VICTORIA COLONIST

per day; blacksmiths, \$90 per month and board; carpenters board; carpenters, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per day; shovel engineers, \$150 per month and board; firemen, \$75 month and board; cranesmen. \$100 per month and board; bridgemen, \$4 per day; axemen, \$2.75 per day; laborers, \$2.75 per day. On Vancouver Island-Foremen on grades, \$3.25 to \$5 per day; axemen, \$2.75 and \$3 per day; rock-drillers, \$2.75 per day; laborers, \$2.50 per day; bridge foremen, \$150 per month and board; bridge carpergers, \$3 to \$4.50 per day; team and teamster, \$7 per day; teamsters, \$35 to \$50 per nth and board; blacksmiths, \$75 to \$90 per month.

3. On mainland-\$6 per week. On Vancouver Island-25 cents per meal and \$5.25 per week, with bunk-house ac-

The following petitions were presented and laid on the table: By Mr. Cotton-From John Y. Mc-

Naught and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the corporation of the district of West Vancouver. (No. 3.)

By Mr. Manson-From the city of Prince Rupert, for leave to introduce a private bill to validate a certain bylaw. (No. 8.)

Mr. Williams continued the debate on the address in reply to the speech from party papers. the throne. He said that ever since he had been in the house he had availed of this opportunity to express himself, and he was more anxious to do so on this occasion than ever because he found more and more to criticize as time went on. He was sorry that the member for Nanaimo was absent, but was able to announce that in a few omitted from the report of the speech days he would be back in his seat, and of the member for Vancouver (Mr. Watthe house would be the better for his scn) which had appeared in the Col-presence. He would omit mention of onist, he had understood him to say the first paragraph of the speech, but that workers throughout the province speaking of the death of the King's were so struck by the high wages paid

a loss of time for me to analyze the at-fairs of the province from the stand-point of the Socialists. All we can do is to review its actions from the stand-point of the moral code of the present i. The present Bush Fires Act was so

lows: "1. (a) 5,644, average during month of December, 1911; (b) 351, average during month of December. "1. (a) 5,644, average during month of December, 1911; (b) 351, average during month of December. "1. (a) 5,644, average during month of the worst kind." By the accounts of the worst kind." By the accounts of the worst kind." By the accounts of the worst kind. The term of the work that no leas a sum than \$5,740 was fed into the unscrupu-lous may of this publication. To an-derstand the character of t...s. sort of thing he would central the house that there was in the city of Victoria an-other paper called The Times and the portion of the policy of the Hon Richard

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The Colonist

thing he would centred the house that there was in the city of Victoria an-other paper called The Times and the proble accounts showed that jast year the Times received from the govern-ment for advertising the magnificent sum of \$26.60. There must be some motive, other than reaching the public to justify the expenditure of this money, and the service rendered was to sive the keynote to other party publica-tions in British Columbia. **Tortin Filts-Liker** The governmenk thad a holi of re-fracting to September 21st, and certain by e-lections to prove that its method was correct. Well Pontius Pilate proved his actions to be correct by just the same kind of boast. (Laughter, A year ago the Colonist had endeavored to publish fan evening paper in Victoria to miss atte government seemed to osod to advertise in, yet this particular torsing paper. he had referered to has drawn \$4.92 from the patronage it gare the Times atte government seemed to publish fan evening paper was no good to advertise in, yet this particular torsing paper. he had referered to has drawn \$4.92 from the patronage it gare tury. That was the policy of the Hon-Richard McBride th dealing out money from the provincial treasury to his oyn party papers. Time and time again the fast and and sea and planted its point the past the Conservatives at Ottawa had condemned the spolis system, but where was a "jotterer" instance of the advertise fast discover the fast and and sea and planted its point the past the Conservatives at Ottawa had condemned the spolis system, but where was a "jotterer" instance of the grave with British cound. Reference and the grave was difficular the spolis system, but where was a "jotterer" instance of the wither the low reliand the grave from the provincial treasury to his own party papers. Time and the draw the spolis system, but where was a "jotterer" instance of the spolis wither for mether for mether for the bast system than this? He drew mot where was a "rottener" instance of the spoils system than this? He drew no line between the government that would telerate such a thing, and the paper

that would accept it. He continued that while it had been speaking of the death of the King a were so struck by the high wages paid printer, there was "something intang-ible" about that good old gentleman that no one else could fill.

that no one else could fill. "From my position in the house," continued Mr. Williams, "it would be a loss of time for me to analyze the af-fairs of the province from the stand-point of the Socialists. All we can do is to review its actions from the stand-point of the moral code of the present day. It is usual to congratulate the mover and seconder of the address, and on fhis occasion I can de so. I under-stand to some extent the figure used sometimes in ancient history where cer-tain people were asked to make bricks

against the rules." Mi. Williams: "Well I beg your pardon. Mr. Speaker, I forgot. If I was not a Weishman I would be proud to be called the Irishman because the average Irishman will fight landlordism to a finish, yet strange to say it remains for a descendant of that race to plant landlordism in Brit-ish Columbia today."

ish Columbia today." Mr. Williams continued that he could not accept the statement of the Premier that more Liberals than Socialists were huying lands in British Columbia than Conserva-tives. If so it was strange that so few land motices appeared in Liberal or Socialist pa-pers. These notices showed that the ap-plications of Conservatives as against Lib-erals and Socialists was at the rate of three to one.

Provincial University.

the Empire Truth, the weekly journal which he founded in 1876, he expressed his opinions with great vigor and incisiveness and as a public speaker he was re nowned for his caustic wit.

Born in 1831 of Huguenot stock, Mr. Labouchere was educated at Eton and entered the diplomatic service in Washington, Munich, Stockholm, Frankfort, St. Petersburg and Dresden. In 1863 he was appointed second secretary at Constantinople and in 1864 retired. In 1865 he entered parliament as Liberal member for Windsor but was unseated. In 1867 he reentered the House as member for Middlesex. In February, 1874, he was defeated at Nottingham, but in 1880 was returned at the head of the poll for Northampton and continued to represent that borough until his retiremen in 1906. For many years his fellowmember was Charles Bradlaugh, the famous atheist whose refusal to take the members' oath caused Mr. Gladstone so much trouble.

During his parliamentary career, Mr. Labouchere was an ardent friend of Home Rule and a strong opponent of the House of Lords. In fact, as unionists. early as 1893 he helped draft a bill providing that all members of Parliament should be elected by popular vote. This , of course, would have had the effect of putting an end to the House of Lords as a hereditary chamber. He was a consistent and energetic supporter of Mr. Gladstone, and after the retirement of the Grand Old Man, he was conspicuous in his opposition to the choice of Lord Rosebery as premier. He headed a 'cave'' of some twenty members who were said to have been in favor of Sir William Harcourt's choice as Liberal leader. Eventually, however, he withdrew his opposition. Mr. Labouchere was at one time part proprietor of the London Daily News to which he contributed letters from Paris during the siege of 1870-71 over the signature "A Besieged Resident." He sat on the Royal Com-mission which investigated the Jame-

son raid, and the extreme pertinence of his questions was not a little perplexing to the men whom he undertook to examine.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 15 .- The 18th siting of the international opium confer-ence began today with the reading of the final protocol. It is said that Persia will sign the convention unreserved-

ing that she had accidentally smothered old baby while asleep Tonight she confessed that she deliberately smothered the baby because it cried. She is in jail. NO SETTLEMENT **REDUCTION IN NUMBER** IS IN SIGHT

Government Policy Leads to Cotton Trade Conference at Cancellations in Rural Dis-Manchester Adjourns Withtricts - Interior Towns are out Reaching Agreement Following Lead Between Parties

That Attorney-General Bowser meant ex-nutring that a general reduction in the number of licensed houses in the rural dis-tricts was imminent is emphasized by the protests that are already coming in from the cancellations ordered and contemplated being for active violations of the law or for ganized districts to meet the requirements named in the act for licensed hotel prem-sues with which their families upon the terms of the matter of disingroom, guest to meet the requirements have taken long chances with the law. In set taken long chances with the law in set taken long chances with the law. In set and instead of initiating process. That or chauffeurs, to minors and to interdicts and also in permitting their establishment is not improbable that penalty will be used for improbable that penalty will be used in instead of initiating process. That provide is matter of departmental knowl-dage, and instead of initiating process upon the in cancelled license. Meson, Rossiand, Phoepix and a number for the course that is being pursued by LONDON, Jan. 16.—The cotton trade conference at Manchester decided to submit to the operatives' association a proposal for the settlement of the dis pute, subjecting to a six months truce the question of the employment of non-Sir George Askwith, the arbitrator, probably will submit to the employers

and the men suggestions whereby both sides can maintain their principles without injuring the rights of each other. Neither side shall be entitled to take action on the non-unionist question, which will involve the stoppage of the machinery without giving six months written notice to the other

The conference adjourned until January 19th.

The situation in regard to the proposed strike of coal miners remains unsettled. Out of 350,000 ballots so far cast by the miners on the matter of giving notice of a strike on March 1. 284,000 favored a strike. It is reported that the British government is making tentative arrangements to import Am erican coal for the navy in the event of a strike.

Two Asphyxiated

SAN FRANCISCO Jan. 16.-The bodies of Mrs. Jennie Sonberg and Edward Conners, a roomer, were found in the Sonberg home today when the police forced an entrance to investigate neighbors' report that Mrs. Sonberg had not been seen for several days. Smoke asphysiation from a fire started by an accidentally overturned lamp, was given

into the city, the work to be completed within two years. The amount of the company's bid was \$1,169,795.

minor Khans and leaders who originally declared for Mongolia's independence have now sent a petition to Premier Yuan Shi Kai at Peking, in which they explain that their proclamation of independence does not mean complete separation from China of the Peking government will only abandon the oppressive system of fiscal extortion which OF LICENSED HOUSES has been practiced hitherto in Mongolia A dispatch from Urga, the Mongolian capital, states that the Kutuktu, the head of the Lama sect of Buddhists, who was recently inaugurated as Khan of Mongolia, has abolished the capital and established new offices. The newspapers charge Premier Yuan

Shi Kai with playing a double game, on the one hand applying for Russian aid and on the other trying to represent Russia as violating Chinese sovereignty in Mongolia.

The Novoe Vremya insists that the Russian government does not want Mongolia as a Russian province, but a and independent Mongolia would be highly desirable.

Engineer Blamed

MONTREAL, Jan. 16 .- The coroner's jury found Engineer J. C. Hamiltor criminally responsible for the wreck of the C. P. R. Montreal-Quebec line, while resulted in the death of six peopl Hamilton was the engineer on the first engine of the double-header from Que bec, which crashed into the train from Montreal, which was standing at St Vincent de Paul station, expecting the train from Quebec to take the siding Hamilton is still in the hospital suffer ing from a broken leg and internal in juries. Hamilton in a deposition admitted that he noted the steamer brake on his engine was not working some time before he signalled to the engine behind, and thought the signals were understood.

British Coal Dispute

LONDON, Jan. 17 .- As a result of a meeting of coal miners held at Birmingham today employers and workers ma agree as regards the English coal field and an early settlement may be looke for. The dispute affects about 100,-00 men

Caught in Machinery

Noison, Rossiand, Phoreya, and a number for other interior towns have taken a hint from the course that is being pursued by the department, and cancelled licenses where states and and the second of the standard of hotel accommodation, has full second to be a second of the standard of hotel accommodation, has full second to be a second of the standard of hotel accommodation have well known houses in the unorganized dis-vices which have already been cut off the well known houses in the unorganized dis-tenses its are the hotels at Clinton was then by Chief Black of Nelson, on teles fraphed instruction from Superintendent (ampbel). The friends of the licenses, heary Stege, are now exerting themselves to the utmost to obtain reconsideration of the official action, alleging that it must have been based upon incorrect and mis-hand, Mr. Stege has secured as petition spined by virtually all the active church-wyckers and temperance champions of New beinver attesting his especial fitness to en-PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16 .- Caug in a rapidly revolving pulley, James Turner, 54 years old, was whirled his death today. Both his legs w torn completely off. In addition. had a fractured shin and many othe: juries. He died almost instantly.

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