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d with great diffi-to companies. Macdonald said no under existing lything to gain from policies. Companies policies. Companies ose a single policy cost money to get his place.
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Payroll. -Last Monday was

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CAMOSUN STARTS A FAST SERVICE

Friday, February 21, 1908.

Union Company's Steamer Leaves Each Wednesday For Prince Rupert

SMALL VESSELS CONNECT

paired and overhauled at the Victoria Machinery depot, commenced a new express service to Prince Rupert, Machinery depot, commenced a new express service to Prince Rupert, which will allow of a five-day round trip to the future northern terminus. The Camosun will leave the outer dock at Victoria every Wednesday at 9 p. m. and Vancouver each Thursday afternoon for Prince Rupert, where the steamers Capilano and Coquitlam ill connect each Sunday, alternating, connect each Sunday, alternating, carry passengers and freight book-for points beyond, including Naas, vers inlet and other ports.

This express service established by Union Steamship company will arrival of the steamer Cariboo, hich will shortly leave the there she was built by the Ailsa ship-ards, be improved, and the Camosun

Conference With Mr. Bryce
Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The premier held a conference today with Right Hon. Jas. Bryce and the governor-general, when the British ambassador to Washington presented the proposals of the United States government for the adjustment of matters in dispute with Great Britain, in so far as Canada is concerned.

Procedure With Mr. Bryce

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The premier held accident will enter Indiana also tomorrow.

The Italian car arrived here at 7 p. German car, driven by Maas, remained at Erie, Pa.

JAPANESE VESSEL

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Prominent Montrealer Dead. Montreal, Feb. 18.—Henry R. Gray, for many years one of the leading retail drugglets of this city, former member of the city council, and the man to whom Montreal was principally indebted for its success in fighting the small-pox epidemic of 1885, died at his home.

Another Nightmare Provided in Connection With the "Armada" iere today.

J. dissenting. Union Investment company vs. Wells, appeal allowed with costs; Idington and Maclennan, J. J., dissenting. Maclifreth vs. Hart, appeal dismissed with costs. Montreal Park and Island Railway company vs. Labrosse appeal quashed with costs. abrosse, appeal quashed with costs

ICE TRUST INQUIRY

Affairs of Mr. Morse's Big Combine Will Require Time for In-vestigation

New York, Feb. 18.—It will probably be at least two weeks before the investigation of the American Ice company, which Attorney-General Jackson will make by direction of Governor Hughes, is taken up by the grand jury. This announcement was made by James Osborne, who has been appointed a special deputy to conduct the investigation. Mr. Osborne had spent about an hour with the jury today before he made his announcement. He said he had obtained much valuable evidence from the district attorney, but that it will be necessary to gather much more before he will be satisfied to present the case to the jury. This will necessitate visits to Maine and New Lorses. jury. This will necessitate visits to Maine and New Jersey for the proofs he desires of the formation of the different companies of which the American Ice company is composed.

China Fears Japanese Imitation of Russia's Municipal Estab-lishment

Pekin, Feb. 18.—In view of the pro-st lodged by China against the es-iblishment of a municipal adminis-ation by Russia at Harbin, the Rus-ian minister to China, M. Pokotiloff,

Manchuria are being established, as Manchuria are being established, as like case of Harbin, for instance, the reduce is a source of anxiety to ma, especially in view of the atti-le assumed by Japan. The Tokio riment is making extensive plans follow the example of Russia and 19 ex-territorial municipalities in the perfect of the company of the compa creasing Japanese population.

KILLED THREE MEN

Wharton, N. J., Feb. 18.—An explosion in the mixing department of the General Explosive company in this village today killed three men, broke nearly every window in the stores and residences in Wharton and some windows in Dover, two miles distant.

The killed are Joseph Hough, one of the officials of the company; David Utter and James Kevern, workmen.

The small building in which the men were at work was demolished and the men were blown to pieces. The force of the explosion was felt for a great distance.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & West-Clyde Two Trips Will Be
Made Weekly

Most of the Injured were able to continue their journey after a new train of parlor cars had been made up at Stroudsburgh. Three, however, were so severely hurt that they stopped off at Washington, N. J., for medical attention.

Hartwick's Trial.

inal history.

MOTOR CAR RACE

Cleveland, O., Feb. 18.—The American car in the New York to Paris race, driven by Montague Roberts, practically passed through Ohio today. The car entered the state just east of Conneaut and Cariboo, will call only at Alert bay, Swanson bay, Hartley bay, Claxton, Port Essington and Port Simpson on route to Prince Rupert. The Capiano and Coquitlam will leave Vanouver each alternate Tuesday, and

over night and enter Indiana tomorrow afternoon.

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The French car all day. At Ripley, N. Y. the car had to stop for repairs, but proceeded shortly afterwards. At Ashtabula some time was lost in taking the wrong road. The road was retraced and the car arrived at Cleveland at 10:20, passing through without a stop. The French car stopped at Fremont for the night, and unless it meets with an accident will enter Indiana also tomorrow.

Valparaiso, Feb. 18.—The cruise along the coast of Chili of the Japanese of Sareholders, disallowing about \$500,000 out of claims totalling 5055,000, the former amount to be applied for the benefit of the general body of shareholders.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—The annual convention of the Manitoba Farmers.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—The annual convention of the Manitoba provincial agricultural societies opened this morning at the agricultural college. Some two hundred delegates are present and others are expected in tonight.

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LONDON SWEATSHOPS

Father Bernard Vaughan's Distressing Picture of Life Among Poor Workpeople

London, Feb. 17.—Father Bernard Vaughan, brother of the late Cardinal Vaughan, preaching in the Jesuit Church here yesterday, during the course of a powerful plea in behalf of the bill which will come before the House of Commons this week against "sweatshops," gave a graphic illustration of the manner in which the poor workers of the East End of London are compelled to live.

Alberta Railway Projects.

Calgary, Alb., Feb. 18.—An important meeting of the board of trade was held today, when the question of indorsing two applications for new roads was brought up. One was from Ottawa in connection with the extension of the C. & E. from Macleod to the boundary, and the other a road from Cowley, on the Crow's Nest, to Calgary, the latter being built with the object of opening the large coal fields at Livingston. Both were indorsed, the latter of the understanding that work should be commenced at Calgary and Cowley at the same time, within two years, and that the road shall be completed in five years. The promoters are Eastern men, principally from Port Arthur.

Paint Works Destroyed.

Cambden, N.J., Feb. 17.—Following a great of the case of Harbin, for instance, the

BOOMING "UNCLE JOE"

Explosion of Powder in a New Jersey
Factory—Express Train
Riddled
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Washington, Feb. 18.—Speaker Cannon's presidential boom received a large impetus in the House of Representatives today, when Mr. Boutelle, his colleague from Illinois, brought up the subject in the climax of a half hour speech. His remarks were based on the fact that today was the thirty-fourth anniversary of Mr. Cannon's first speech in the house

Mr. Boutelle spoke with enthusiasm, and when he closed with the remark that within the next few months "the plain people of the country would join

plain people of the country would join the voters of Mr. Cannon's district in conferring upon him the nation's fin-est honor, the speaker was accorded great demonstration.

Keen disappointment was felt on all

sides when the Speaker made no reply the stepped from the rostrum amid cheering and retired to his room, while the house considered the pen-

MOTOR CAR RACE

American and French Cars Now Well Through Ohio—Others Fall Behind

Claveland O This action of the same category as other game, with a close season.

the right direction.

Premier McBride promised the matter every consideration. The matter is almost entirely a departmental one and no additional legislation for the and no additional legislation for the same way, though to car is again in the lead. car arrived here tonight.

We same way, though to car is again in the lead. car arrived here tonight. Not for Reciproc with anybody's land. They are washington, Feb. 18. change in the open season at any rate, is necessary. The latter falls under the direction of the chief commissionon Chilian Coast the direction of the chief commissioner of lands and works and it is probable that some such action as that suggested will be taken. The delegation consisted of A. E. Todd, J. Murgrave, Otto Weiler and R. A. Pooley.

Ontario's Railway Toronto, Feb. 18.—The Temiska-mingue and Northern Ostanio radiroad last year earned over \$200,000, an in-crease of over \$16,000.

DEPARTMENT RECORDS

Investigation Held Completely Exonerated Mr. Archibald Dick, Coal Mine Inspector

(From Wednesday's Daily) The assertions of Parker Williams, M. P. P. for Newcastle in the legisla-ture yesterday that the charge made against Mr. Archibald Dick had not been investigated, are not borne out by the records of the department. W. W. Spinks of Vernon was ap-

in the regulations for the conduct of the said mines, instituted by A. Dick as to shot firing or otherwise.

There is nothing in the evidence to lead me to believe that A. Dick is not a competent inspector of mines.

(Signed W. WARD. SPINKS.

Woman Killed by Bomb. Barcelonia, Feb. 17.—Two bombs exploded here today, killing a woman and wounding a woman and a child.

SECRETARY TAFT MAKES A SPEECH

Plea for Help to Improve Condition of People of the Philippines

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only on a practice trip. They are go-ing to the Pacific side of this country, where we have a coast line nearly as long as that of the Atlantic side, and it is a proper measure of training for our navy."

Discussing the prosecution of cor-

Discussing the prosecution of corporations by the government, the secretary said:

"When men who are poor and humble who violate the laws it is easy by process of court to seize and convict the prisoner, but the wealthy men who have influence it takes courage in the government authorities to bring to the bar.

"The people are awakening; they are determined to see what is going on

determined to see What is going on, and that is the effect of the interstate commerce law, to give publicity to everything that is done on the rail. roads.

'It is the business of the republican party to avail of this moral awakening of the people so as to give reasonable measures to prevent further violations of the law, without destroying or injuring the sacred guarantees of life, liberty and property that have been handed down to us by our fathers."

SPANISH ANARCHISTS

Explosion of Bomb at Barcelona Taken to Mean Renewal of Ac-tivity

Madrid, Feb. 18.—There is no truth the report that King Alfonso had in the report that King Alfonso had been assassinated. The rumor probably was an outgrowth of the bomb explosion at Barcelona yesterday, which now appears to have been the work of anarchists. In addition to those killed, one woman and a child were wounded, and the explosion caused much damage to neighboring buildings.

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The precise object of the outrages has not been made clear, but it is interesting to note that the factions of the parliamentary organization recently united in a request to the government to restore the constitutional guarantee in Barcelona declaring that normal conditions prevailed there.

King Alfonso is at present at Seville. The conservative newspapers are of the opinion that the throwing of the bomb at Barcelona will force the government to adopt stricter measures for the maintenance of order.

STOESSEL'S TRIAL

Decision of Court Martial in General's Case Likely to Be Rendered Today

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The trial of Lieutenant-General Stoessel reached the last act today, the presecution waiving the privilege of putting in rebuttal to the defence.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—As a result of a conference held this morning between Mayor Ashdown and W. H. Birch, secretary of the Manitoba and Northwest Fire Underwriters association, the es-

Not for Reciprocity.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The French reciprocity treaty will be taken up tomorrow in the United States senate committee on foreign relations, but it is not expected there will be any action. Secretary Root, who is anxious that a general Canadian treaty be negotiated at this session, will be invited to appear before the members of the committee. However, there is no general sentiment in the country for the ratification at this time of any special teciprocity treaties with Canada.

MINERS RESCUED

All But Three Taken Out of Midvale Colliery Uninjured—One Killed in Accident

Request For Early Closing of Bars Rejected-New Bill Discussed

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—Hon. Robt. Rog-ers, minister of public works, an-nounced in the legislature last night that the government will not accede that the government will not accede to the prayer of the numerous petitions that the bars be closed at 6 o'clock. There weee eighteen separate perishen sout that the suspension of the constitutional guarantees at Barcelona has falled to put an end to the terrorist agitation there. of the drunkenness in the city to "blind pigs," in respect of which there had been 165 convictions in the last

A large deputation waited upon the Robt. Rogers, minister of public works, this morning, and asked that the proposed amendments to the liquor licenses act be not railroaded through the house at this session. They pointed out that the bill was new to the public, as it only become known last Friday. The people had not had a chance to consider and deal with it. They asked for an independ-Poor Chance of Successful Resistance—The Russian
Bourse Panicky

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—Under the influence of war talk today the bourse continued the slight decline which has marked the conditions for some time past.

Tigis Feb. 18.—Kurdish hordes come.

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Tiffis, Feb. 18.—Kurdish hordes, commanded by Ali Khan, have advanced on the village of Niandab, where Frince Firma, the Persian minister of justice, recently appointed governor of the province of Azerbaijan, now has with these Kurds, it is feared, would proved disastrous to the prince, as the Persian troops are disorganized.

Recent dispatches from Tabriz infice Firma, who is endeavoring to protect the Persian frontier against Turkish aggression. His forces consist largely of undisciplined recruits, whose services were of little or no value.

They did not think to and asked that a large commission be appointed by the government. The minister of public works promised the deputation. Discussing the liquor bill introduced in the legislature by Hon. Root. Roogers, Mayor Ashdown this morning expressed approval of the clause, making constables de facto license inspectors. He said that this would go a long way towards the eradication of the value.

Broker Charged With Fraud.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—On a charge of conspiracy to defraud, a warrant has been spiracy to defraud, a warrant has been sponded to maintain a large proportion of the houses, and making a license inspector of every with the case of the track is obscured by the buildings on either side. Hansford, who was driving his father's vegetable wag-on, tried to get his horse over the function.

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Mayor of Halifax Illegally Paid Costs of Traveling Out of City's Treasury

Halifax, Feb. 18.—By a decision of the supreme court of Canada, rendered today, Mayor McIlreith will have to waiving the privilege of putting in rebuttal to the defence.

The last word was given to the accused general, who uttered only a few sentences in a firm voice, and shouldered the entire responsibility for the surrender of Port Arthur. "If the court decides that the surrender was a crime," he concluded, "I ask for the restituted by the late R. I. Hart. The case was in the first instance dismissed, and then on appeal judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiff.

To Be Taken Into Consideration

By Dominion Cabinet

Immediately

RAILWAY QUESTIONS UP death sentence."

The court is expected to close the proceedings tomorrow with its decision.

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Minister of Finance to Introduce Government Annu-

TO CUT DOWN WAGES

Shipping Companies Decide on Reduc-tion at Montreal and Quebec Wharves

Montreal, Feb. 18.—An important con-erence of representatives of shipping ompanies was held here today, at which t was decided, in view of the depressed

companies was held here today, at which it was decided, in view of the depressed condition of business, to make an attempt to place the expense of conducting business on the wharves on a corresponding level.

The meeting was partly in response to a notification given by the longshoremen of Quebec that it was their intention to apply for an increase of five cents per hour in the rate of wages, already the highest paid at any port in Canada. The meeting decided on a cut of 2½ cents per hour in the rate of wages on the Montreal wharves, making the rate for day work 25 cents and for night work 30 cents per hour, with a bonus of 2½ cents per hour to men who work throughout the season of navigation, payable at the end of the season.

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in regard to Quebec it was decided that the rate to be paid should be the same as that in Montreal, the cut hus representing ten cents per hour for day work.

French Cruiser Fatality. Paris, Feb. 18.—Advices have been received here from Rear-Admiral Philbert that the bursting of a steampipe on board the French cruiser Descartes, off Casa Blanca, resulted in the death of three men and injuring three.

Fatal Riot in Coke Region. Connelisville, Pa., Feb. 17.—Two men were killed and six others seriously injured in a riot at Dunbar, a mining town near here tonight. Two of the wounded are Americans. The dead and other injured were foreigners. Forty-five persons were arrested. The trouble is said to have been the outcome to rivalry between two boarding houses conducted by foreigners. houses conducted by foreigners.

TO BE NEARING END set was one solitary car. Mr. Turriff thought that some drastic action would have to be taken to do away with delays.

the Irrigation Measure

The present sitting of the legislature, by present indications, is nearing its final stages. The order paper is being thinned out, and it is unlikely that many more measures of any very great importance will be introduced. The budget will be brought down tomor-row or at all events not later than Monday next.

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 18.—All but one of the 28 miners who were entombed yesterday in the Midvale colliery were rescued alive early this morning. One, and some important legislation has been affected. Any irrigation legislation which entombed the men, and two were injured. The others appeared none the worse for their experience.

Turpentine Explosion.

Pittsburg, Pr., Feb. 18.—An explosion of turpentine on the fourth floor of the Capital Trunk and Bag factory, 1016-1028 Victoria street, today, started a fire which caused a loss of \$60,000.

LAW IN MANITOBA

GOVERNING LIQUOR

Tow or at all events not later than monday next.

The session has been a fairly busy one, and some important legislation has been effected. Any irrigation legislation which is brought down will not be of a very sweeping nature, as the report of Prof. Carpenter was received too late to permit of the government preparing their measure in tended to have this drafted some time previous to the opening of the house of the debete after Mr. Maclean had refiterated his contention that it was not the duty of the Rallway Commission should be re-organized and its powers increased. The present relieved to late to permit of the government preparing their measure in tended to have this drafted some time previous to the opening of the house of the debet after Mr. Maclean had refiterated his contention that it was not the duty of the Rallway Commission should be re-organized and its powers increased. The present relieved to late to permit of the government would be able to obtained it was not the duty of the Rallway Commission should be re-organized and the provious to the opening of the house of the house of the house of the deals with word and the provious to the opening of the house of the deals with a commission should be re-organized and the power of the realivation.

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Hotel Damaged. Dresden, Ont., Feb. 17.—The Clifford hotel was gutted by fire this morning. The occupants had hardly time to escape. The loss is not known, but the insurance on the building is said to be \$5,000, and \$2,700 on the contents.

DESTRUCTION OF MAINE

Spanish Paper at Havana Stirs Up Old
Trouble—Accuses U. S. War
Department

Havana, Feb. 17.—The Diario Espanol, the organ of the ultra-Spanish element, in a leading editorial today, referring to the special celebration by the blowing up of the battleship Maine, says: "They commemorate the blackeat blot on American history of the world, including honest Americans, believing that the ship was blown up by direct order from the war department for the purpose of justifying the plan to despoil Spain of Cuba."

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Hon. Mr. Fielding gives notice of a resolution in favor of a government system practically of accident insurance and of annuities of not less than \$50 and not more than \$600. They are to be purchased by paying a single sum or periodical payments, the rate of interest to be fixed by the governor-incouncil. Such annuities to be payable after attaining the age of 55, or on disablement. Moneys paid in by an annuitant to be repaid, should the annuitant die, before the annuity is payable to his or her heirs, with 3 per cent. interest. The provision regarding the payment of annuities after disablement is a departure from Sir Richard and Cartwright's scheme of last session

The paper adduces: "As convincing proof," the officers of the Maine attended the funeral of the victims in full dress uniform, which showed that

Run Down By Train.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—A 14-year-old boy the eastbound C. P. R. express. The accident occurred on the railway crossing sked ited by the eastbound Swansed. Wansed the side of on the railway crossing the view of the track is obscured by the buildings on either side. Hansford, who was driving his father's vegetable wagon, tried to get his horse over the track. A companion sitting in the same seat jumped and saved his life.

Broker Charged With France.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Or piracy to describe the same seat jumped and saved his life.

MUST REFUND EXPENSES IMMIGRATION

RAILWAY QUESTIONS UP

duce Government Annuity Scheme

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—British Columbia's Natal act reached the secretary of state this afternoon. It will receive the immediate consideration of the cabinet. British Columbia members of the Commons are said to be unanimous for disallowance, but it is not likely action will be taken in that regard until the courts have had an opportunity to decide as to the constitutionality.

Today's session of the house was al-Today's session of the house was almost entirely devoted to the discussion of W. F. Maclean's reciprocal demurrage bill, by which rallways are to be compelled to pay shippers for delay in furnishing cars just as they now require payment for fallure to unload promptly. Mr Maclean introduced his bill in a moderate speech. Mr. Maclean complained that the rallways of Canada gave the United States shippers not only the best of their equipment but also the best rates. He did ment but also the best rates. He did not object the railways doing American business, so long as the Canadian ship-

per got fair treatment. Canada should be served first.

The bill requires railways to provide cars within 95 hours after application.
Failing to do this, the company must pay the shipper a dollar per day. A person not loading a car within 48 hours is liable to the same penalty.
Hugh Guthrie, who followed, contended that the contended the contended that the contended that the contended that the contended the contended the contended the contended that the contended the contended that the contended the co

tended that the present legislation gave all the remedy desirable. If the railall the remedy desirable. If the rail-ways were giving American traffic the preference they were discriminating against themselves. Any delay in mov-ing freight was due to the abnormal activity of Canada during the last few years. The railway commission was the proper body to deal with the matter. matter.

E D. Smith agreed with the principle of Mr. Maclean's bill. Last fall he had asked for twenty-five cars to ship fruit to the Northwest, but all he could

Budget To Be Brought Down
Not Later Than Monday—
the Irrigation Measure

about the away with delays.

Dr. Schaffner thought the rallways should be bound to move their cars within a reasonable delay. Last year the rallways deserved a great deal of credit for the manner in which they kept up business in spite of adverse conditions.

conditions.

Haughton Lennox said the bill was one of reciprocal fustice. The bill should be sent to the railway committee, where all views could be heard.

Mr. Lanctot, Dr. Sproule and Mr. Crawford supported the bill Hon. Mr. Graham announced that he would shortly bring in a bill to enlarge the personnel and power of the railway. personnel and power of the railway commission to enable them to deal with

A petition against the new French treaty was introduced by E. D. Smith, signed by two thousand grape growers in Niagara district, who object to the reduction of the duty on French light Mr. Oliver introduced his bill to amend the irrigation act. The railway

commission is given authority to de-cide disputes between municipal au-thorities and irrigation companies. Steps age also taken to facilitate the carrying out of drainage works by the provincial authorities

A petition has been presented by a large number of Saskatchewan farmers; praying that odd-numbered sections of the Dominion lands may be thrown open to homesteaders, and asking that existing homesteaders be allowed the privilege to acquire quarter sections adjoining their homesteads.

Lady Gzowski Dead

Toronto, Feb. 18.-Lady Mary Bebee Gzowski, widow of the late Sir Casmir Gzowski, K.C.M.G., A.D.C., died this morning at her residence at Glen. Road, aged 95. She was the daughter of an eminent United States physician. and married Sir Casmir in 1839.